



## Jennifer Lynn Willis

August 19, 1969 - November 3, 2017

Jennifer Lynn Willis (nee Van de Wal), 48, died Friday, November 3, 2017, at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore surrounded by her loving family after a three-year battle with glioblastoma (brain cancer).

Jennifer was born in Albany, NY, on August 19, 1969, to James and Katherine (Reinke) Van de Wal. She graduated with Honors from the State University of New York at Geneseo and earned her MBA at Loyola University of Baltimore. She had been working towards her Master of Divinity degree at Asbury University. Jen was employed by J. P. Morgan Chase as a Vice President managing many different projects.

Jen was devoted to her family and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was active in the Rock Hall United Methodist Church and was, with her husband, Tom, instrumental in founding and maintaining Rock Hall's backpack program.

Jen founded Faith in Action, was a Sunday School teacher, and coordinated the food pantry. She served on and chaired many church boards. Jen was proud to be part of the Delmarva Emmaus & Chrysalis Community. She was an inspiration to all and will be remembered for her steadfast faith throughout her illness. "I know who I am – I know whose I am – and I know where I am going!"

She was a loving mentor to many youth in the Rock Hall community. With her husband, Jen was very involved in Rock Hall Parks and Recreation, the PTA, and was a Girl Scout Troop leader for several years.

Jen enjoyed hunting with her cousins and boating with her family on the Hudson River in upstate New York.

In addition to her husband of 18 years, Thomas Willis, she is survived by her daughters, Kaitie and Kacey. Jennifer was predeceased by her son, Thomas Hunter Willis, Jr. She is survived by her parents and her brother, James Van de Wal, Jr., of Lake Tahoe, CA, and her sister, Kristin (Kevin) Dickerson of Rock Hall.

Jen loved her nieces, Madeline and Julie Dickerson, and was especially close to her cousin, Katherine (Kate) Van de Wal. Art and Mary Sue Willis loved Jennifer as a daughter – a treasured member of their family. A host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews are also left to cherish her memory.

A visitation will be held Friday, November 10, 2017, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd., Chestertown, MD. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral service which will be held at the Rock Hall United Methodist Church, 5730 N. Main St., Rock Hall, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Visitation prior to the service 12 – 2 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jennifer Willis Emmaus and Chrysalis Scholarship Fund, and sent to: Rock Hall United Methodist Church, POB 66, Rock Hall, MD, 21661.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

## Service

NOV **11**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rock Hall United Methodist Church  
5730 Main Street  
Rock Hall, MD

## Visitation

NOV **11**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rock Hall United Methodist Church  
5730 Main Street  
Rock Hall, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 09, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Jennifer Lynn Willis*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jennifer Lynn Willis*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jennifer Lynn Willis*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Offering my sincere condolences. Worked with Jen for many years at JP and am deeply saddened to hear this news. A shining light gone way to soon- she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Pamela (Domanski) Stipetic** - November 10, 2017 at 11:06 PM

JJ

*Thank you.*

**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:36 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Bass sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



**Brenda Bass** - November 10, 2017 at 04:33 PM

BB

*Thank you Jen for taking Felicia into your heart. Your strength of character, kindness and love of God could only have been taught by you. Thank you for the gift you gave us, you will be with us always.*

**Brenda Bass** - November 10, 2017 at 04:38 PM

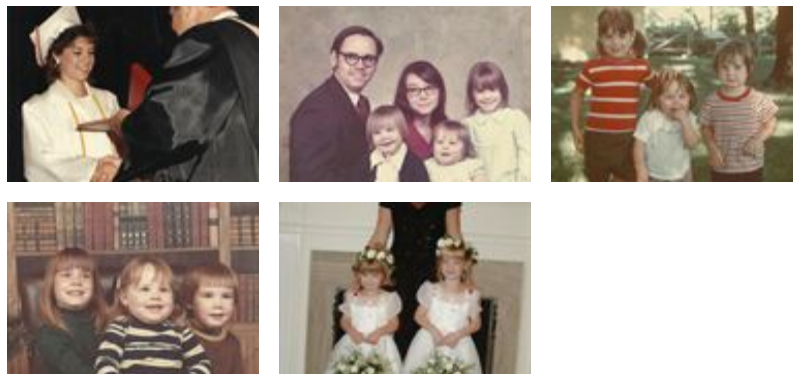
JJ

*Jen loved Felicia, as we all do.*

**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:37 AM



“ *134 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 09, 2017 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ Chris Burgess and family send prayers and love to the Willis family and all those who were touched by Jen. A wonderful lady who will be missed.



Christine Burgess - November 09, 2017 at 12:19 PM

TC

“ Taletha Cole lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Taletha Cole - November 09, 2017 at 11:19 AM

TC

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Taletha Cole - November 09, 2017 at 11:26 AM

EL

“ Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Edgar & Nancy Legg - November 09, 2017 at 10:42 AM

ED

*Love & Prayers to all the family..Jen was a wonderful person as we all know..She set that perfect example for all of us with her strong Christian Faith..*

**Edgar** - November 09, 2017 at 10:54 AM

AE

*“ This beautiful angel has obtained her heavenly wings! She was a wonderful inspiration as a daughter, wife, daughter-in-law, mother, friend and mentor - but first and foremost she was a child of God - and her faith and love of her Lord showed in EVERYTHING she did! We can only hope to live our lives for God as she did. May his angels wrap their wings of love, comfort and support around the entire family. And may you find peace in the knowledge that she is no longer suffering, and in all her glory at the feet of her Lord.*



**Andrea & Timmy Edwards** - November 09, 2017 at 10:09 AM

MC

*“ Mary Lou Christian lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



**Mary Lou Christian** - November 09, 2017 at 09:04 AM

MC

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jennifer was a beautiful lady inside and out. I will cherish all of memories of Sunday School, birthday parties, RHUMC and with our girls. God Bless, Love, Mary Lou and Autumn*

**Mary Lou Christian** - November 09, 2017 at 09:07 AM

SF

“ Jennifer was one of my first managers at JPM. I learned so much from her and admired her in many ways. I am so sorry for your loss.



Samantha Falcone - November 09, 2017 at 04:09 AM

JJ

Thank you.

Jim - November 12, 2017 at 06:38 AM

RA

“ One of the strongest people I've ever met. You will be missed but never forgotten. You and your family will be in my prayers.

“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”

Rest, Joy, and Peace in Jesus Christ, Amen.



Rasha Almasou - November 08, 2017 at 02:54 PM

TF

“ The Higgins Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jennifer Lynn Willis.



The Higgins Family - November 08, 2017 at 01:43 PM

TP

“ *Tina Pierce lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Tina Pierce** - November 08, 2017 at 09:08 AM

RM

“ *Jennifer, a beautiful mother daughter and friend rest in peace in heaven for you certainly lived your hell here on earth.*  
*Mac McDonald*

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**R. A. McDonald** - November 08, 2017 at 08:34 AM

JJ

*Yet it wasn't like hell because of the support and strength she received from her family and friends, and her deep and abiding faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who took care of the "hell" for her in so many ways.*

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**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jennifer Lynn Willis.*



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November 08, 2017 at 08:10 AM

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time. R.I.P. sweet lady.



Dottie & Richard LaPlaca - November 07, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jennifer Lynn Willis.



November 07, 2017 at 04:17 PM

BJ

“ It is an inspiration to read that Jen maximized both her life and her future by putting roots into her faith. She acted in the world to demonstrate the strength that grew from them.

*We keep all of the Vandewal family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bill and Deborah Jackson*

Bill Jackson - November 07, 2017 at 01:29 PM

JJ

*Thank you.*

Jim - November 12, 2017 at 06:38 AM

CT

“ I am so so sorry for your loss. You and yours are in my thoughts and prayers.

*DeColores, Jen! I will miss you at Candlelight.*

*Sincerely  
Carolyn Townsend*



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**Carolyn Townsend** - November 07, 2017 at 10:32 AM

JS

“ A true inspiration in so many ways. Jen, you will be missed! Thoughts and prayers to the family.



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**Jay Sashti** - November 07, 2017 at 09:44 AM

YJ

“ Your friends at JPMorganChase purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jennifer Lynn Willis.



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**Your friends at JPMorganChase** - November 07, 2017 at 09:37 AM

SD

“ Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



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**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - November 07, 2017 at 09:22 AM

JJ

*Thank you.*

**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:39 AM

NR

“ *Tom, please know that I am praying for you and your family. May God bless you with peace and comfort at this time. Nancy Walker Robinson*

**Nancy Robinson** - November 07, 2017 at 09:21 AM

SM

“ *Tom, Art and Mary Sue and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jen's passing. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Sandy McClary** - November 07, 2017 at 07:48 AM

GO

“ *Jim- I never got to know Jennifer but she certainly was an amazing person. My sincere condolences to you and all your family. My prayers are with you all. Gladys O'Brien*

**Gladys O'Brien** - November 07, 2017 at 07:48 AM

JJ

*Thank you, Gladys.*

**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:39 AM

MJ

“ My condolences to your family. I am so sorry for your loss.



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**Mylita Jacob** - November 07, 2017 at 04:11 AM

BG

“ Tom and girls,all of Willis family,I am deeply sorry for your loss. Jen will be missed by all who touch paths with her.i truly believe that the greatest tribute we can honor Jen with,is for all who knew Jen to live like Her .To live in Christ each day,not just on Sunday. Our Father lended Jen to us for a short time,to show us how to live for him and thru him. Jens work on earth is done..She was a great mommy,wife,sister,counsler,daughter,a great in law ,comforter,confidant ,friend,but most importantly an angel here on earth,a child of God.thank you Jen,for your lessons you taught us while you were here .you have taught us all no matter what the circumstances,to never give up,to always have faith and to believe !!



*Betty Ann Glenn*

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**Betty Ann Glenn** - November 07, 2017 at 03:20 AM

DS

“ Denny. Dalrymple. Sr lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



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**Denny. Dalrymple. Sr** - November 06, 2017 at 09:35 PM

DS

*So sorry for your loss tom& family*

**Denny Dalrymple. Sr** - November 06, 2017 at 09:36 PM

DD

“ *It is always hard to have a loved one die Jen will be truly missed. Let it be a comfort that for Jen she is in the arms of Christ and know you will see her again there. She is born again and healed forevermore. Decolores Foothills community SC table of Matthew walk 41*

**Doug Dean** - November 06, 2017 at 09:28 PM

JJ

*Thank you, Doug.*

**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:40 AM

TF

“ *The McColigan Family lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



**The McColigan Family** - November 06, 2017 at 09:13 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



**shirley Foster** - November 06, 2017 at 08:46 PM

RS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.

Rev. Charles Semowich - November 06, 2017 at 08:39 PM

JJ

Thank you, my brother.

Jim - November 12, 2017 at 06:40 AM

SZ

“ Stefanie & Brian Zottarelli lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Stefanie & Brian Zottarelli - November 06, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.



Sherry Williams - November 06, 2017 at 08:26 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Nancy Hubbard - November 06, 2017 at 08:00 PM

RL

“ Tom & family, my heart breaks for you & your family. Knowing that she lived her life for Jesus & she is with him is comforting. Sending my deepest sympathy and praying for you and your family to give you strength for the days ahead. God is with you always.



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**Robin Leager** - November 06, 2017 at 07:52 PM

RE

“ Bonnie and I send our most sincere sympathies to Jim. Kathy and the entire family.

*Richard Evans  
Roanoke, Virginia*

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**Richard Evans** - November 06, 2017 at 07:21 PM

JJ

*Thank you, my brother.*

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**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:41 AM

CF

“ Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



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**Connie Fithian** - November 06, 2017 at 06:51 PM

SC

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Tom and the girls, and the whole Willis and Van De Wal families.*  
*Steve and Bonnie Cullis*



Steve and Bonnie Cullis - November 06, 2017 at 06:13 PM

JJ

*Thank you.*

Jim - November 12, 2017 at 06:41 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Debbie Dalrymple - November 06, 2017 at 05:17 PM

PG

“ *Pat Grussing lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Pat Grussing - November 06, 2017 at 04:58 PM

PG

*My thoughts and prayers are with Tom and the girls and the entire Willis family. Jennifer will surely be missed.*

Pat Grussing - November 06, 2017 at 04:59 PM

SF

“ Our Thoughts and prayers are with the entire family, Jen had been an inspiration over these past few years and we wish that her memory will be for a blessing to all she knew or knew her.

*The family and crew of Bigg Figg ( Sailing Emporium)  
Steve and Marilyn  
Figlin*

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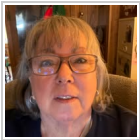
**Steve Figlin** - November 06, 2017 at 03:27 PM

SR

“ I am sorry for your loss, the family will be kept in my prayers. We were to go to a YMCA - Bear exercise class together, I will miss that opportunity but I will go in your memory.

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**Saleita Robinson** - November 06, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ Kim Conley lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



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**Kim Conley** - November 06, 2017 at 03:06 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



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**Cheryl Anderson** - November 06, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ *Robin Kurowski lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Robin Kurowski** - November 06, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Patti Williams lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Patti Williams** - November 06, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ *Glenn Tosten lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Glenn Tosten** - November 06, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *The Brinkley Family lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**The Brinkley Family** - November 06, 2017 at 01:25 PM

RT

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Tom and his Family ! Jen was a wonderful Lady and will truly be missed .  
Love and Prayers to All



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**Roni Lynn Thomas** - November 06, 2017 at 01:01 PM

HF

“ Higgins Family lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



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**Higgins Family** - November 06, 2017 at 12:55 PM

JJ

*Thank you.*

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**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:42 AM

TW

“ We are so sorry for your loss and keeping you in our prayers.



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**Troy & Dawn White** - November 06, 2017 at 12:22 PM

DI

“ *Diana lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



**Diana** - November 06, 2017 at 12:12 PM

VI

“ *Vickie sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



**Vickie** - November 06, 2017 at 11:50 AM

JJ

*Thank you, Vickie.*

**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:42 AM

NW

“ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted - Matthew 5:4*

*Tom, Katie & Kasey - I pray for your strength and peace during this time. You were the world to Jen and spoke so lovingly of you.*

*Jennifer was a wonderful example and inspiration to many. I have personally benefitted from her loving but direct style of encouragement. Her soul was filled with fire for the Lord, her family and her community. I will miss her dearly.*

*Nashela Wilson*

**Nashela Wilson** - November 06, 2017 at 10:48 AM

JE

“ *Jeanne Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Jeanne Edwards** - November 06, 2017 at 10:03 AM

EL

“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Ellen** - November 06, 2017 at 09:53 AM

EL

*Jen was one of the most beautiful people in the world. She fought that battle courageously. She never complained, lost her faith or gave up hope. Such a beautiful soul. No more headaches for you. Rest easy my sweet girl. Love you always*

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**Ellen** - November 06, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JJ

*Thank you, Ellen.*

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**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:43 AM

JB

“ *To Jen's family  
We are so sorry for your loss, you all are in  
our thoughts and prayers. Jen was a  
wonderful witness showing her love for God  
and how much he was in her life.*

*Wayne & Joyce Bradley*

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**Joyce Bradley** - November 06, 2017 at 09:24 AM



JJ

*Thank you, Joyce.*

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**Jim** - November 12, 2017 at 06:43 AM

RW

“ *Jen was a wonderful person. A leader and  
mentor to many here at JPMorgan Chase.  
She will be greatly missed. My condolences  
to the family.*

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**Ron Withelder** - November 06, 2017 at 08:52 AM



PS

“ *Pres & Sherrie lit a candle in memory of  
Jennifer Lynn Willis*

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**Pres & Sherrie** - November 06, 2017 at 07:46 AM



MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - November 06, 2017 at 06:36 AM

JJ

*Thank you.*

Jim - November 12, 2017 at 06:44 AM

JE

“ *Our family is praying for peace for you Tom, and the girls as well. Hang on to one another. Jen, Olivia and Brynn.* 💜

Jennifer Edwards - November 05, 2017 at 09:46 PM

GT

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Tom.*

*Glenn & Jane Tosten*

Glenn Tosten - November 06, 2017 at 08:57 AM

JH

*Rest in peace Jen...*

J Howard - November 10, 2017 at 12:55 PM

BC

“ *Beth Coleman lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Beth Coleman - November 05, 2017 at 09:42 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - November 05, 2017 at 08:00 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Mark & Sandy Joiner - November 05, 2017 at 07:33 PM

SA

*Tom and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved wife and mother. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Sandy Joiner*

Sandy - November 05, 2017 at 07:34 PM

RJ

“ *Rick & Jeanne sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



Rick & Jeanne - November 05, 2017 at 06:40 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Marie Usilton - November 05, 2017 at 06:37 PM

BR

“ Tom she will be missed



Brandon Morris

brandon - November 05, 2017 at 05:45 PM

CC

“ Chris Crouch lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Chris Crouch - November 05, 2017 at 04:22 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis



Jo Ann Edwards - November 05, 2017 at 03:59 PM

JE

*No words can bring Jen back but the world is a lesser place for having lost her. May she rest peacefully until we see her again.*

*The John D. Edwards Family*

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**Jo Ann Edwards** - November 05, 2017 at 04:03 PM

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**Debbie Boege** - November 05, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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**Debbie Boege** - November 05, 2017 at 03:15 PM

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**Debbie Boege** - November 05, 2017 at 03:14 PM

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**Debbie Boege** - November 05, 2017 at 03:09 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Lynn Willis*



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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - November 05, 2017 at 01:10 PM

DE

*Jennifer was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Charles & Donna*

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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - November 05, 2017 at 01:13 PM