



Joyce Jewell Willis

February 7, 1940 - October 13, 2020

Joyce Jewell Willis died on October 13, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family. She was 80.

She was born in Lynch, MD, in 1940 the daughter of the late George Alan and Birdie Elizabeth Kendall Jewell. She was a 1958 graduate of Chestertown High School and attended Delaware Hospital School of Nursing in Wilmington, DE, before marrying William B. "Barney" Willis, III, on January 10, 1959.

Mrs. Willis was a journalist, serving as social editor of the Kent County News for 18 years, managing editor of the Pilot Newspaper in Chestertown for several years, owner and editor of Shore Digest, a monthly newsmagazine from 1990-1998, and freelancer for the Delaware State News.

Mrs. Willis was a member of Chester River Yacht and Country Club, the Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474 and St. Paul's Episcopal Church near Chestertown.

She was predeceased by her husband, and is survived by her two sons, William Barnaby "Barney" Willis, IV, (Melanie) of Charleston, SC, Harry Blair Willis, Sr.; two daughters, Jewell Willis Kirby (Brian) and Anna Cook Willis Fernwalt (Scott) all of Chestertown, MD; two sisters, Elizabeth Bedwell of Denton, MD, and Patricia Carter of Chestertown; seven grandsons, Keith

Sparks (Annie) and Tanner Sparks (Sarah), Kolyn and Kreigh Kirby, Harry B. II and Nicholas Willis, and William "Billy" B. Willis, V; two granddaughters, Nicole Elise Wallenfelsz (Nathan) and Christy Jane Willis Earls (Ryan); along with great-grandchildren, Ainsley, Jackson, Layne, Saylor, Avery, Madelyn, Harper, and Jonathan. One brother, Louis Alan Jewell, and a step brother, William K. Crow, predeceased her.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 5-7 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. Services will be held privately.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

OCT 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 16, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Joyce Jewell Willis*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joyce Jewell Willis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joyce Jewell Willis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Joyce Nicholson - October 17, 2020 at 12:40 AM



“ *Donna & Tony lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Donna & Tony - October 16, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Jewell Willis.*



October 16, 2020 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ *The Herdegen/Kenney Family purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Joyce Jewell Willis.*



The Herdegen/Kenney Family - October 16, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *116 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 16, 2020 at 08:55 AM

TM

“ *Terrence Moody lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Terrence Moody - October 16, 2020 at 12:49 AM



“ *Barney, Jewell, Anne, Blair and family my condolences for the loss of your fantastic mother! To all who did and did not know Ms. Joyce, she was fun, kind, smart and caring without limits. May she rest in eternal peace and reconnect with here friends waiting at the gate to greet her.*



Greg Starkey - October 15, 2020 at 08:21 PM

WG

“ *My condolences to her family and friends .R I P*

Wilbert Givens - October 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ *To the family, Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. We will always remember Saturday nights at Great Oak, long time ago, what a wonderful fun loving group of friends ! Remember, family, friends and God will make this time easier.*

Steve and Judy Cooper - October 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Dave and Donell Smith - October 15, 2020 at 05:30 PM

JD

“ Joyce Teat Dalto lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Jewell Willis



Joyce Teat Dalto - October 15, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Joyce Jewell Willis.



October 15, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Joyce
Jewell Willis



Sharon Crew - October 15, 2020 at 02:39 PM

TC

“ Terry Coleman lit a candle in memory of
Joyce Jewell Willis



Terry Coleman - October 15, 2020 at 02:28 PM

CM

“ She was a familiar presence at all of our school and community events, such a caring, sweet, lovely lady. RIP “Momma Stew” 🙏

Christine Tinelli Martinez - October 15, 2020 at 12:39 PM

GS

“ Gary Starkey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Gary Starkey - October 15, 2020 at 12:18 PM

GA

“ Miss Joyce (Momma Stew) was a special lady and will be sorely missed by all. She was like a 2nd mom to me and was the one that taught me how to swim. She loved hard and raised a wonderful family. Thoughts and prayers to all her family. Gary, Lisa, Stephen and Bryan Starkey

Gary - October 15, 2020 at 12:17 PM

NT

“ Nancy Toy lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Nancy Toy - October 15, 2020 at 11:52 AM

PJ

“ Pres & Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Pres & Sherrie Jacobs - October 15, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DP

“ Diana Simmonds Perry lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Diana Simmonds Perry - October 15, 2020 at 11:23 AM

JP

“ Jean Payne lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Jean Payne - October 15, 2020 at 10:48 AM

JP

When we moved over here from the western shore she was one of my first friends. We moved to Lynch from Aberdeen.

Jean Payne - October 15, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JD

“Joyce And Lee Davis lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Joyce and Lee Davis - October 15, 2020 at 10:25 AM

SM

“Joyce was a good friend and one of a kind. When she lost Barney the love of life she was never the same. Her children reflect the love they were shown and the way they were raised. She will be missed by so many friends but I know she is happy to be with her Barney once again, My thought and prayers are with all of you.



Sandy McClary - October 15, 2020 at 10:01 AM

OG

“Orgirina Graves lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



orgirina graves - October 15, 2020 at 09:51 AM

MS

“Matty Graybeal Schelts lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Matty Graybeal Schelts - October 15, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TD

“ Terra S Deaton lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Terra S Deaton - October 15, 2020 at 09:37 AM

KB

“ Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Kaye Barnes - October 15, 2020 at 09:23 AM

HS

“ Hank Starkey lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Hank Starkey - October 15, 2020 at 09:04 AM

HS

My heart goes out to the entire family. She was such a special person and I have so many fond memories as she was like a second mother to me. She will be missed by us all. RIP Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hank & Kim Starkey and family

Hank Starkey - October 15, 2020 at 09:09 AM

GC

“ Gail & Herschell Claggett lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Gail & Herschell Claggett - October 15, 2020 at 08:32 AM

SM

“ Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Susan Martinez - October 15, 2020 at 08:22 AM

GT

“ Jewel Lea, im sorry i didnt get to meet your mom but i certainly feel like i did. I know one thing for sure we would have shared a bag of Utz and and a whole lotta smiles. 😊
My condolences to you and your family.



Gwen Towson and Ritchie too👤 - October 15, 2020 at 02:25 AM

AG

“ My heart is heavy reading of Mrs. Willis passing. She was an awesome lady. I have many memories of her, while i worked for J. Willis Wells Funeral Service in Chestertown back in my youth, while Serving my Funeral Directors Apprenticeship for Mr. Wells. I'll always remember Mr. Wells Joking and teasing with Mrs. Willis, in person and while on the phone with her. Well, his name being Willis, He would call the news paper office and when she answered, he would say; Joyce..... Willis. They would both bust out laughing. He did this each time he called there. She was also a familiar face at Bonnett's Town & Country, another one of my youths employers. Any where we saw each other, she would take time to take a moment to visit with me. To Mrs. Willis Children, family and extended family; People all over Kent County and beyond have fond memories of your mom. We are all blessed to be able to carry those fun memories. God Bless you, as you Celebrate your mom's life and legacy. Arthur Godfrey, Burlington NC

Arthur Godfrey - October 14, 2020 at 09:24 PM

CJ

“ My heart goes out to all of you at the terrible loss of your mother. She was very nice lady and she really raised some really nice children. I'll never forget working with her at the pilot newspaper. We had some good times. Well now she's with her husband, your dad, they are happy again. God be with you all



Charlotte Joiner - October 14, 2020 at 09:16 PM

GC

“ Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Guy & Susie (Sue) Comegys - October 14, 2020 at 09:16 PM

KM

“ Kay McHenry lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Kay McHenry - October 14, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MK

“ Many fond memories of good times with Joyce. The Country Club, pool, visits to Baltimore when I worked at Union Memorial Hospital. Loved that laugh and that look she would give you before she was going to say something ornery. My thoughts and prayers to the family during this sad time.
Margaret Cohey Kaufman

Margaret Kaufman - October 14, 2020 at 07:19 PM

BL

“ Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis



Brenda K Lyons - October 14, 2020 at 06:48 PM

JH

“ *Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Joan Hatcherson - October 14, 2020 at 06:25 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



John M Larrimore - October 14, 2020 at 06:25 PM

DN

“ *Debbie And Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Debbie and Bob Nickerson - October 14, 2020 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Joyce Benton - October 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - October 14, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Marian Wyble - October 14, 2020 at 01:50 PM

SS

“ *Steve And Terri Smith lit a candle in memory of Joyce Jewell Willis*



Steve and Terri Smith - October 14, 2020 at 11:34 AM