



## Mrs Linda Virginia Willis

September 30, 1947 - March 31, 2012

Linda Virginia Willis of Centreville, MD died unexpectedly Saturday, March 31, 2012 at John Hopkins Hospital. She was 64.

Born on September 30, 1947 in Annapolis, MD, she was the daughter of the late, Albert and Helen Bull Waters. She grew up in Annapolis and graduated from Annapolis High School. On June 12, 1965 she married Donald Willis and lived on Kent Island where she was a Bus Contractor for Queen Anne's County for thirty five years. In 1984 they moved to Centreville. Linda was a member of Centreville Church of God. She enjoyed traveling, working out at the gym. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Donald Willis of Centreville; a daughter, Laurie Aaron and her husband, Raymond of Centreville; a son, Billy Willis and his wife, Whitney of Queenstown; three grandchildren, Raymond, Jr. and Jared Aaron and Emma Willis; a sister, Barbara Wilson of Chester; a brother, Wayne Waters and his wife, Cathy of Centreville. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Waters in 1984.

A funeral service will be at 11 AM on Wednesday April 4, 2012 at the Centreville Church of God where friends may call from 6-8 PM on Tuesday April 3, 2012.

Burial will be private.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, 11350 McCormick Road, Suite 100, Building 3, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Church of God  
101 Gray Fox Lane  
Centreville, MD

## Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Church of God  
101 Gray Fox Lane  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Although my bond to your family was mostly through your family business, I will always remember Miss Linda's kindness to my daughter and the lollipops she would give to her. Even though I live out of the area now, Kent Island folks, whether past residents or current residents seem to always share that "special family like bond" like nowhere else.

*I am so sorry for your loss, and sorry I could only make the viewing and not the funeral.....but considering...your mom looked beautiful just like the heart that she had. It was worth the drive to see you and support you, I am just so sorry that it was under these circumstances. However, friends & family always support one another through good and bad times. May you find peace in your heart knowing that she is in the arms of almighty God now. My prayers are with you all....*

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**Leeanne Morrison** - April 06, 2012 at 10:43 AM

KM

“ We are so sorry for your loss (and ours). Even though we only knew Linda as our bus driver for the past ten years she was a friend who we could trust to care for our children. She would go out of her way to help out in a pinch, especially when Mom and Dad would be on vacation and I had early morning patients to tend to. I am happy that Linda is now with her heavenly family and I pray that her family here on earth can, with time, be happy too. I wish you all God's blessings during this difficult time. Sincerely, Karey, Ted, Joshua and Connor McCauley and Paul and JoAnn Minor and Julie and Timmy Katlic.

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**Karey Minor-McCauley** - April 06, 2012 at 08:46 AM

CW

“ I am just so saddened to have just learned about Mrs. Linda’s passing. I may not have known each of you well, but I do know that my heart aches for your loss. I know that we all grew up in this great small town together, and so we are all connected. I just sat here and watched the beautiful tribute video you did for your mother, and shed lots of tears for each of you. The memories are so precious and I loved getting a glimpse at your “story” through years of pictures. I love how close you all are as a family, and that you will help each other through the most difficult days ahead. I have only recently learned what it actually feels like to lose a parent, it has been 15 months for me, but I STILL can’t believe it is real. I know my daddy was SO fond of you guys, you took care of him (and all of our cars at one time or another) and I can only imagine how amazing it is where they are, and that we’ll see them again someday! My best love to each one of you, and your children, and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

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**Christy Ward** - April 05, 2012 at 04:13 PM

BG

“ Bonnie Granger-Crouch lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



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**Bonnie Granger-Crouch** - April 05, 2012 at 03:55 PM

RJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. I loved talking with Linda when I worked on the school bus. She had a wonderful sense of humor and could make you laugh till it hurt. We lost a terrific person.*

*With love Reg and Gloria*

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**Reg & Gloria Jones** - April 05, 2012 at 01:43 PM

RJ

“ *Reg & Gloria Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Reg & Gloria Jones** - April 05, 2012 at 01:36 PM

KD

“ Our hearts go out to the Willis family. This is such a hard time. We did not know Linda personally, only through her son, Billy. After watching Linda's tribute video, I am overwhelmed at the love that was shared by family and friends. I can only offer this quote:



*"What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget"*

*With Love,*

*Jimmy and Kay Deere*

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**Kay and Jimmy Deere** - April 05, 2012 at 09:17 AM

RJ

“ Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



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**Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell** - April 04, 2012 at 11:05 PM

SH

“ as i look back on these two last day i have realized how many people my Aunt Linda had know and the impact she had on each and everyone and the community as well. she was very loved by many many people ..I will miss her smile and her giggle i would get once in a while especially when we had just spoke i told her i got kicked off the bus, she just laughed and said you know Sue you really are not supposed to get up, i answered i know... My heart aches for my uncle Donald you could see the love they shared was something special and the hold they have on each others lives. My heart goes out to laurie and Billy...oh how she loved her children so and cherished her grandchildren as well..our hearts are all heavy and will be for a while because nobody could ever replace what we all have lost . A very special Wife, Mother ,Sister, grandmother and friend...May we all find comfort in know she is with jesus and for the oppurtunity for having her in our lives. I will miss you very much Aunt Linda , may you Rest In peace....Love sue Hart

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**Sue Hart** - April 04, 2012 at 08:39 PM

GP

“ To the Willis Family: We are away and were very saddened to learn the death of Linda. What a wonderful person to talk to and a great lady. We know she will be missed by many and her legacy will live on forever. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. God Bless your family and may her memories live on in your hearts forever. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - April 04, 2012 at 07:26 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 04, 2012 at 07:22 PM

NK

“ Linda was our son Andy's first bus driver. I always felt secure putting him in her hands -she was great with the kids. I too would see her on the trail from time to time and she would always ask about Andy. Condolences to her family.

Nancy & Mike Koval

Nancy & Mike Koval - April 04, 2012 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ Sonya Van Rees And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Sonya Van Rees and Family - April 04, 2012 at 01:38 PM

SF

When we moved to Kent Island in 1997, Linda's smiling face was the first thing we saw every morning from her school bus window. She was the first "face" of the community for us and one we truly trusted and adored. After she'd park her bus, I'd sometimes be fortunate enough to catch her as she started her walk on the trail. We shared a lot of laughs, and I will miss her smile and think of her every morning when I see that school bus. She will continue to "shine" through all of you. My prayers are with you all.

Sonya VanRees and Family - April 04, 2012 at 01:42 PM

VW

“ *Vi And Jim Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



**Vi and Jim Wallace** - April 04, 2012 at 10:57 AM

VW

*Sending all my love to your family!! My family and I are here if your family needs anything!!! <3 <3 We will miss Linda's smilin' face!!! Love, Vi*

**Vi and Jim Wallace** - April 04, 2012 at 11:02 AM

SD

“ *Shannon Dickson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



**shannon dickson** - April 04, 2012 at 05:49 AM

JB

“ *John And Shelley Burton lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



**John and Shelley Burton** - April 04, 2012 at 05:44 AM

MC

“ *Mary Ann Francis Cowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



Mary Ann Francis Cowley - April 04, 2012 at 02:11 AM

MC

*Laurie and Billy, I'm sorry to hear of Miss Linda's passing. I remember her sitting out with your grandmother and my mom while we all played together as kids. God bless you during this difficult time.*

Mary Ann Francis Cowley - April 04, 2012 at 02:13 AM

SB

“ *Sharlene Bullen lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



Sharlene Bullen - April 04, 2012 at 01:37 AM

SB

*Donald and the family.....Paul and I were shocked and very sad to read of Linda's passing.....My prayer is that peace will surround you at this time. She always had a smile and was very uplifting to be around...*

Sharlene Bullen - April 04, 2012 at 01:39 AM

AB

“ *Amber And Brittany Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



Amber and Brittany Bruce - April 03, 2012 at 10:38 PM

ES

“ Mrs. Willis was the light of my world throughout my high school years. She always made me smile if I had a bad day, and when it was raining or just really cold outside, she would drop me off at my house instead of at the corner. If I ever needed to talk, she would listen to everything I had to say, subtly offering advice; she was like a surrogate grandmother. I'd like to think that we had a special relationship - she understood me, and my sarcasm, and she would jokingly throw it back at me. I appreciate everything she did, and I wish I could tell her just how much she meant to me. May God bless her family today, tomorrow and forever.

Erica Swain - April 03, 2012 at 07:57 PM

KS

“ Karen Green, KI Elementary School lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Karen Green, KI Elementary School - April 03, 2012 at 07:15 PM

KS

“ Mr. Donald & family, you have my utmost condolences on your lost of Mrs. Linda. I was honored to work with her, trying to make sure we put the right little children on her bus everyday. Occasionally, she came into the office to see me about something. When she did, there was ALWAYS a smile on her face and a laugh from our bellies! She was so soft-spoken and sweet. She TRULY seemed to be a very happy & joyful lady. I feel like I've not only lost a co-worker, but family. I adored her and I will miss her. I thank God she's left a beautiful legacy through her children and her grandchildren. She will live forever through them. May God Bless you Mr. Donald.

Karen Green, KI Elementary School - April 03, 2012 at 07:13 PM

MH

“ *Martha Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Martha Hunt** - April 03, 2012 at 06:18 PM

JM

“ *John Seward , Annie Seward , Mary Myers lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**John Seward , Annie Seward , Mary Myers** - April 03, 2012 at 04:05 PM

P(

“ *Penny Shanks (Reel) lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Penny Shanks (Reel)** - April 03, 2012 at 02:38 PM

P(

*My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Donald and Family. Mrs. Linda was a great inspiration to me and was always there when I needed someone to talk to. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Penny Shanks (Reel)** - April 03, 2012 at 02:40 PM

HS

“ *Hank Starkey lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**hank starkey** - April 03, 2012 at 01:52 PM

KH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Linda was loved by so many and was a sweet person. Thank You Ms. Linda for taking care of our daughter for six years as she was a rider on your bus*  
*Kim and Marc Hessian*



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**Kim Hessian** - April 03, 2012 at 09:57 AM

FJ

“ *Freyae Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Freyae Jones** - April 03, 2012 at 08:17 AM

RS

“ *Ronny, Deneen, Elizabeth & Olivia Schock lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Ronny, Deneen, Elizabeth & Olivia Schock** - April 03, 2012 at 08:02 AM

DE

*Overwhelmed with sadness for Mr. Donald, Laurie, Billy, their extended families, and myself. I hope as I grow older with my husband and family, and our lives continue on, that I look at myself one day and see a woman similar to Mrs. Linda, an untouchable love for her husband, her children, and their families. A kindness and warmth she shared with most and a truly genuine soul.*

*Missing You, Deneen*

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**Deneen** - April 03, 2012 at 08:22 AM

AW

“ Donald , Laura & Billy

*I am so saddened by the loss of Ms. Linda , what a great woman. I have known your family for years and you all are true Eastern Shore Family . To this day I still see your family down in Kent Island Estates . Life sure has changed for all of us , look at the great family and friends she has. I hope she runs into my dad and he continues to make her smile with his silly jokes. Each night when I look into the sky at the bright star with my kids and think of my dad we will be thinking of Ms.Linda as well. Their smiles will be shining down on us.*

*Amy Wiscott*

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**Amy Wiscott** - April 03, 2012 at 07:34 AM

JO

“ *Mrs. Willis kept my children safe in the 1980's; she was always pleasant and smiling. I have seen her every day since then, still driving the same run in my neighborhood. I will miss waving to her every day. Queen Anne's County has lost a fine lady. My sincere condolences to her family.*

*Joan Oliver*

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**Joan Hastings Oliver** - April 03, 2012 at 07:23 AM

KA

“ I never saw her that she didn't have a smile on her face.

Kathy Abey - April 02, 2012 at 10:12 PM

KA

“ Kathy Abey lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Kathy Abey - April 02, 2012 at 10:10 PM

FT

“ Frank Tolson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Frank Tolson - April 02, 2012 at 08:38 PM

FT

Will always remember the vacations in O.C.

Frank Tolson - April 02, 2012 at 08:39 PM

TM

“ Tammy & Mike Matula lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Tammy & Mike Matula - April 02, 2012 at 07:32 PM

TM

*Laurie & family,*

*We are terribly sorry for your loss. May your memories and your faith bring you all comfort at this time. Ms. Linda will always be remembered as my girls most favorite bus driver.*

*Tammy & MiKe Matula*

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**Tammy & Mike Matula** - April 02, 2012 at 07:37 PM

TC

“ Tommy And Donna Councill lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



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**Tommy and Donna Councill** - April 02, 2012 at 06:26 PM

AG

“ Laurie, Raymond and Family: We are so sad to hear about your Mom. I will always remember her with a smile on her face and her laughter. She enjoyed life to the fullest. She always enjoyed kidding with Benton when she saw him and teasing him when he won at basket bingo. May you hold all of the wonderful memories of her deep in your hearts.

*With our deepest sympathy and prayers: Amy. Bo and Benton Greenwood*

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**Amy Benton Greenwood** - April 02, 2012 at 06:08 PM

KR

“ *Kari Register lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Kari Register** - April 02, 2012 at 06:00 PM



“ *Bobby Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Bobby Bruce** - April 02, 2012 at 05:32 PM

LK

“ *Laurie & Raymond,  
I am so very sorry about the loss of your Mom. A mom's love can never be explained or replaced and to lose them leaves a void in your soul that can never again be filled. I could spend time telling you what you should do or think, but it really doesn't help. What does help is the reminder that others are thinking of you and to some extent understand the pain and the time it takes to heal. Take care of yourselves at this time and hold on to the ones you love and let them love you through this.  
Love, Laurie Kimbles (& Caroline & Steven)*

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**Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles** - April 02, 2012 at 02:41 PM

TZ

“ Tracy And Matt Zador lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



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**Tracy and Matt Zador** - April 02, 2012 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ Laurie and Raymond and family,my heartfelt and sincerest sympathy to you and your family as you mourn the loss of your mother, friend and wife. It is my prayer that you will cherish the fond memories that you shared together. She loved you so much. You have to believe that she is home with the Lord and other loved ones and there is no more pain or suffering. Take heart to know that you will see her again when you, too, transition and go home to be with our Lord. May God comfort you during this time as only he is able to do.

*Daisy Matthews*

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**Daisy Matthews** - April 02, 2012 at 12:40 PM

BD

“ Bev Dadds lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



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**Bev Dadds** - April 02, 2012 at 12:32 PM

HS

“ *Heather Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Heather Smith** - April 02, 2012 at 11:54 AM

JM

“ *Jenn Myers lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Jenn Myers** - April 02, 2012 at 11:13 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Tracy Schulz** - April 02, 2012 at 11:11 AM

OB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. She was loved my so many and was a dear sweet person. You will always be remembered Mrs. Linda! Tom & Kelly Balderson*

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**obits1710** - April 02, 2012 at 10:39 AM

IB

“ Ivy Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Ivy Bruce - April 02, 2012 at 10:32 AM

WB

“ So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. Our sympathy to all the family. May Gods peace and understanding be part of your healing. Holly and Wheeler Baker

Wheeler Baker - April 02, 2012 at 08:22 AM

KR

“ To Linda's Family ~ We are so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Linda was a wonderful lady who will be missed greatly! Scott, Kim, Jenna and Kendal Ruth

Kim Ruth - April 02, 2012 at 08:06 AM

LF

“ Larry And Peggy Cole And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis



Larry and Peggy Cole and family - April 02, 2012 at 07:44 AM

CB

“ *Colleen & Buddy lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



Colleen & Buddy - April 02, 2012 at 07:36 AM

CB

*Thinking of you all, sending prayers of peace and comfort to you. We loved Linda and will always remember her kindness, beauty and joy she brought to us and many. She touched so many lives with her kindness. May God Bless you all with his strength and may treasured memories and the legacy Linda leaves you with bring comfort to you.*

Colleen and Buddy - April 02, 2012 at 07:41 AM

MS

“ *Mary, Annie & Sewardie lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



Mary, Annie & Sewardie - April 02, 2012 at 07:00 AM

DJ

“ *David E Wenck Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



David e Wenck jr - April 02, 2012 at 04:51 AM

BC

“ *My heart and my prayers are with you all now*



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**Bonnie Coleman** - April 01, 2012 at 09:20 PM

MR

“ *Melissa Rousseau lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Melissa Rousseau** - April 01, 2012 at 06:18 PM

DA

“ *Dawn lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Dawn** - April 01, 2012 at 05:51 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**Peggy Dashiell** - April 01, 2012 at 03:35 PM

AH

“ *April L. Hardesty lit a candle in memory of Mrs Linda Virginia Willis*



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**April L. Hardesty** - April 01, 2012 at 01:55 PM