



Ralph Willis

July 25, 1926 - November 10, 2013

Ralph Leo Willis of Trappe, MD, died on Sunday, November 10, 2013, surrounded by his family. He was 87.

Ralph was born in Talbot County on July 25, 1926. He was the son of the late Leo Robert Willis and Clara Marie Eberhard Willis.

He graduated from Easton High School and farmed until 1956. He received a deferment during WWII to continue farming. He was employed at Waverly Press in Easton, and maintained a thriving produce business, until his retirement. Ralph resided at his beloved farm, "Little England," for fifty-four years, where he raised his family and fulfilled his passion for farming, gardening, and maintaining his property. He also loved travel and photography.

He is survived by his wife of sixty four years, the former Iris Retallack, whom he married on March 6, 1949; one son, Tyler Willis; two daughters, Tracey Gsvind and her husband, Charlie, and Kelly Willis; one granddaughter, Katie Tibbs; a sister; Betty Pinkston; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter; Sharon Willis, who died in 1969; a son, Michael Willis, who died in 1974; a brother, Laurence Willis; and a sister, Jeanette Fehsenfeld.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial celebration at the family farm, "Little England," on Saturday, November 16, 2013, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ralph to The Alzheimer's Association, Eastern Shore Chapter, 909 Progress Circle, Suite 400, Salisbury, MD 21801, or Talbot Humane, 7894 Ocean Gateway, P.O. Box 1143, Easton, MD 21601.

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 13, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Ralph Willis*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ralph Willis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ralph Willis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Tracey, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You and your Dad certainly suffered more than your share of losses.*



Mike Mielke - November 18, 2013 at 06:30 AM



Jay
Kyak

“ *I loved his stories he always cracked me up. He will be missed.*

Jay Kyak - November 13, 2013 at 07:49 PM



JM

“ *I am sorry to hear about your Fathers passing Kelly. There are no words to help. Just remember the good times and the laughs.
Sincerely, Jimmy*

Jimmy Mullikin - November 13, 2013 at 07:32 PM



KM

“ *Thinking of the family at this time. He was a wonderful man. I have always felt like a part of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Thanks to my Dad for introducing us.
Kim*

Kim Messick - November 13, 2013 at 09:02 AM