



Samuel Merritt Willis

March 20, 2001

Samuel Merritt Willis of near Kennedyville, Md. died Tuesday March 20th, 2001 in the Chestertown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Chestertown, MD. of heart failure. He was 79.

Mr. Willis was born in Kent Co. Maryland the son of the late Samuel Merritt and Clara L. Walbert Willis. Mr. Willis farmed for many years . Mr. Willis was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII serving in Pearl Harbor. He was one of 3 founding members of the V.F.W. Post 652 in Millington, Md. He and Sam Roland and William Payne worked diligently in forming the new Post through the National Headquarters. In 1993-94 Mr. Willis was appointed National Aid de-Camp by National Commander George R. Cramer for Mr. Willis's continued support and work for the V.F.W. Locally Mr. Willis served as Post Commander several times and held many high honors within the state of Maryland and Delaware. He also served as the Post's Quartermaster for many years. Mr. Willis loved nature and the outdoors and enjoyed watching plants grow and the colors of each season.

Mr. Willis is survived by his wife of 61yrs. Thelma Willis, 1- daughter, Wiladeen Willis of Kennedyville, Md. and 1- son Leo Wayne Willis and his wife Rose of Pleasanton, Ca. 1- Sister, Grace Phillips of Virginia Beach, Va. And 1- Brother Harry Willis of Bethany Beach, DE. 4- Grandchildren Burton Willis, Jae J. Duffy, Wanda Lynn Clough and Jeanette Renee Ames, and 5- Great

Grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday March 23rd. 2001 at 2pm from the Fellows Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home 370 W. Cypress St. Millington, MD. Where friends and family may call after 1pm. Interment will be private in the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, Hurlock, MD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Merritt Willis*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Samuel Merritt Willis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM