



Thomas B. Willis Jr.

December 23, 1943 - November 4, 2025

Thomas Bronson Willis, Jr. of Queenstown, MD, died suddenly on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, he was 81 years old.

Tom was affectionally known by many as “Tombo”. Born on December 23, 1943, and raised in Queenstown, Tom was the son of the late Thomas Bronson Willis, Sr. and Dorothy Walters Willis.

Tom graduated from Centreville High School in Centreville, MD in 1961. While in high school, he met his future wife Nola F. Norman. They would dance the jitterbug before school and during lunch, and he tutored her in chemistry, helping her pass the class.

Finding that they had chemistry in real life, they began dating and would eventually marry on October 20, 1962.

Tom worked in his younger years fishing and crabbing and worked summers at Friel’s

Cannery. Following his high school graduation, Tom served a stint in the United State Air Force before being honorably discharged. Following his return to Queenstown, and his marriage to Nola, they moved to Dover, DE, and then to Smyrna, DE, all while Tom worked more than 19 years at Reichold Chemical Company in Cheswold, DE. Upon moving back to Queenstown in 1981, Tom became a commercial crabber while establishing his contracting business, Tom Willis & Sons Contracting.

Tom enjoyed playing softball for many years in the Over 40 league in Queen Anne's County, playing well into his 60's. He was a member of the BCA Pool League, and until his death, he served as Captain on teams in both the APA Pool League and the TAP Pool League. His dream was for one of his teams to win the championship and to go to Las Vegas and play. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially every Sunday when they would gather on the "crab porch" at his home for great food, crabs and Natty Boh. Tom also had a very impressive garden, which he and his brother would plant and tend all summer long, harvesting more vegetables than anyone could eat. His neighbors often reaped the benefits of that garden!

Tom was a Town Commissioner for the Town of Queenstown and served a

total of 18 years between 1995 until his death. He enjoyed serving his community in many ways. In addition to his years in public office, Tom was a member of the Bay Country Moose Lodge, where he served as Administrator for a time, and was a member of the American Legion Post 296.

Tom will be missed by many, but by none more than his family. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Nola; his daughter Amy Moore of Smyrna, DE; daughter Kimberly Parkerson and her husband Keith of Centreville, MD; and sons Christopher Willis and Geoffrey Willis of Queenstown, MD.

Tom was also a grandfather to Doug Moore and Kristen Moore of Smyrna, DE; Danielle Parkerson of Queenstown; Brady Parkerson and wife Elissa of Chester; Jared Parkerson of Centreville; Christopher Willis and wife Mackenzie of Bradenton, FL; Victoria Willis of Perry Hall; Harley Willis of Centreville; and Mackenzie Willis and Kayden Willis both of Queenstown. In addition, he was great-grandfather to Cohen Linden, Dorothy Parkerson, Thomas Parkerson and Bronson Willis.

He is also survived by his brother Robert Willis and wife Sheila of Chester,

sister Nancy

Meissner and wife Fran Ethier of Ashaway, RI; sister-in-law Nancy Van Schaik and husband

Bob of Easton, and special nephews Josh Willis and Derek Willis, and nieces Jenny Benhoff

and Xia Ying Van Schaik; family friend Will Pounds and family; forever daughters-in-law

Cathy Willis and Erica Willis; and his beloved grand-dog Beau.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at Fellows,

Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Centreville, MD; with a Celebration of Life to be held

on Sunday, November 16, 2025, from 2-5 p.m. at the Bay Country Moose Lodge,

Queenstown, MD. Burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's memory can be made to the Queenstown Vol. Fire

Dept., P O Box 118, Queenstown, MD 21658.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Visitation

NOV **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
408 S. Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Celebration of Life

NOV **16.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bay County Moose Lodge #831
6154 Main Street
Queenstown, MD 21658

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*



November 17, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Chuck and Angie Buellis*



Angie Buellis - November 15, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ *Martha Herman lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Martha Herman - November 14, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Kathy Spry lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Kathy Spry - November 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM

TF

“ The Rinngold family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



The Rinngold family - November 14, 2025 at 08:53 AM

TF

“ The Rinngold family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

The Rinngold family - November 14, 2025 at 08:53 AM

LC

“ Lisa C. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



Lisa C. - November 14, 2025 at 07:57 AM

LC

“ Lisa C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Lisa C. - November 14, 2025 at 07:57 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



November 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ From, Linda Searce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

From, Linda Searce - November 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Tom. Our Sincere Condolences! May all of the fond memories help his family at this difficult time 🙏❤️🙏



Frank & Joan Napolitano - November 13, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



November 13, 2025 at 02:26 PM

MW

“ *Mark & Judy Watkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*

Mark & Judy Watkins - November 13, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*



November 13, 2025 at 12:02 PM

HP

“ *Heidi & Mark Potter lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Heidi & Mark Potter - November 12, 2025 at 09:47 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Tracy Schulz - November 11, 2025 at 10:03 PM

LF

“ Love, your Compass Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



Love, your Compass Family - November 11, 2025 at 03:16 PM

LF

“ Love, your Compass Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Love, your Compass Family - November 11, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



November 11, 2025 at 02:50 PM

HH

“ Holly H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Holly H. - November 11, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BG

“ Bob, Nancy and girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



Bob, Nancy and girls - November 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MB

“ Mark Teresa payton Boyd. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



Mark Teresa payton Boyd. - November 10, 2025 at 08:03 PM

MB

“ Mark Teresa payton Boyd. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Mark Teresa payton Boyd. - November 10, 2025 at 08:03 PM

VC

“ Vivian C. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



Vivian C. - November 10, 2025 at 01:56 PM

VC

“ Vivian C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Vivian C. - November 10, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



November 10, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DP

“ Doug And Peggy lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Doug and Peggy - November 10, 2025 at 12:14 PM

RE

“ Ronnie & Bonnie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Ronnie & Bonnie Edwards - November 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM

SL

“ *A man of many talents*

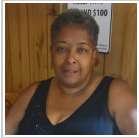
South Lynn - November 10, 2025 at 07:24 AM

BR

“ *Deepest sympathies.*



Betty Richardson - November 09, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Condolences from American Legion Post 77
Blake-Blackston Easton Md*



Norene Wilson - November 08, 2025 at 08:33 PM

BS

“ *Bibi Schelberg lit a candle in memory of
Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Bibi Schelberg - November 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Frank and Tish Palmatary - November 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM

C1

“ CHS Class Of 1966 sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



CHS Class of 1966 - November 08, 2025 at 10:25 AM

C1

Bob: want to let you know the CHS Class of 1966 are praying for you during the loss of Tom. He was a great man and will be missed by so many. Thinking of you and your family at this time. God bless. Class of 1966.

CHS Class of 1966 - November 09, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Tim & Laura Bishop - November 08, 2025 at 10:16 AM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you Nola and your family

Tim & Laura Bishop - November 08, 2025 at 10:17 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - November 08, 2025 at 08:56 AM

KS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Tom will be greatly missed. Kelly and Steve Schorr*



Kelly Schorr - November 08, 2025 at 08:33 AM

BR

“ *Sending you strength, comfort, hugs, and love. - Brianna J (ALA)*



Brianna - November 07, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*



November 07, 2025 at 01:59 PM

SC

“ *Shelby Cunningham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*

Shelby Cunningham - November 07, 2025 at 01:59 PM

JD

“ *Jim & Elaine Dafnis lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Jim & Elaine Dafnis - November 07, 2025 at 01:15 PM

BR

“ *Bill and Jane Roberts purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*



Bill and Jane Roberts - November 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DW

“ *I am so sorry to hear. My prayers for the family.*



Dani Roser Woodhurst - November 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*



November 07, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ *Prayers with everyone.*



Steve and Winky Sewell - November 07, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *Prayers for the family*



Jt and Judy Thompson - November 07, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Diane Hoxter - November 07, 2025 at 09:06 AM

KL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Nola and your family 🙏🙏🙏



Karen and Teddy Legg - November 07, 2025 at 08:55 AM

PB

“ Patricia Bowman lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Patricia Bowman - November 07, 2025 at 08:29 AM

PB

Nola and family, Words can not express how sad I am over Toms passing. My heart goes out to your family and the moose family. He will be greatly missed. Keep your memories safely tucked in your heart. He touched so many lives and it was an honor to know him. Rip Tombo.

Patricia Bowman - November 07, 2025 at 08:34 AM

WC

“ Dear Nola, Kim and Amy and Christopher and Jeffrey I can't find the words to express my sadness over Tom's passing. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers and I know God will help you through your grief. I have spent the past hours since learning of Tom's passing remembering all the fun times that we all had together all the time we ate crabs at your house and you were at our house and just so much fun and Friends and I miss that terribly.

You and Tom both have always been good friends to me to my kids as well as to everybody around you and I dearly love both of you including the girls and Christopher and Jeffrey I know you know Nola how much they've always meant to me and continue to. I'm praying for you all to find peace in your memories cuz I know you have many you and Tom were role models to the rest of us I love you guys

Wanda Lee Collier - November 07, 2025 at 08:13 AM

WC

“ Wanda Lee Collier lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Wanda Lee Collier - November 07, 2025 at 08:07 AM

JL

“ Jennifer Laird lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Jennifer Laird - November 07, 2025 at 07:54 AM

BP

“ *Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Bill and Norma Patton - November 07, 2025 at 07:30 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Doug Pierson - November 07, 2025 at 07:28 AM

TH

“ *Tina Houston lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Tina Houston - November 07, 2025 at 07:01 AM

BE

“ *Bonnie Hayslup/Steve Eaves lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Bonnie Hayslup/Steve Eaves - November 07, 2025 at 01:10 AM

BT

“ *Brenda Tryon lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Brenda Tryon - November 06, 2025 at 11:39 PM

SD

“ *Sandi &Wally Davis lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Sandi &Wally Davis - November 06, 2025 at 11:28 PM

GS

“ *Gina Scherl lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Gina Scherl - November 06, 2025 at 11:26 PM

SA

“ *Sewardie, Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Sewardie, Mary & Annie - November 06, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DK

“ *Deborah Kiel lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Deborah Kiel - November 06, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DC

“ *Donna Coursey lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Donna Coursey - November 06, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SW

“ *We are so saddened to hear about Tom. We extend our deepest sympathy to everyone.*

Steve and Dee Walls - November 06, 2025 at 08:01 PM

DF

“ *Our sincerest sympathy to all of you during this sad time,*



Diana/Stu Tarrant and Family - November 06, 2025 at 07:26 PM

MG

“ Denny and I are so sorry . He was a great friend to everyone. I will always remember how much I loved working at the Moose.

Missy and Denny Garrettson - November 06, 2025 at 07:26 PM

TB

“ Rabbit and I are at a loss for words. Please know we love each of you and send our love to you all. A great man who has touched so many lives .



Terri Baxter - November 06, 2025 at 07:20 PM

RL

“ Rob & Lisa lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Rob & Lisa - November 06, 2025 at 06:58 PM

DL

“ Doug And Michelle Leatherman lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Doug and Michelle Leatherman - November 06, 2025 at 06:40 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - November 06, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DJ

“ *Delaney And Phil Jewell lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Delaney and Phil Jewell - November 06, 2025 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ *I am so proud to have gotten to love this man. Forever gonna be missed*



Jess & Bernie - November 06, 2025 at 05:27 PM

MD

“ *Michael and Robin DeStefano purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..*



Michael and Robin DeStefano - November 06, 2025 at 05:19 PM

MD

“ Michael and Robin DeStefano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Michael and Robin DeStefano - November 06, 2025 at 05:19 PM

SH

“ Tj and I shared many memories with Mr. Tom and Mrs Nola at the Moose Lodge. I also had the privilege of working with him on several homes. RIP Mr Tom you will be missed.



Sherri and Tj Hunter - November 06, 2025 at 04:58 PM

DW

“ David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



David & kathy Wenck - November 06, 2025 at 04:51 PM

HH

“ Handzo Family



Heather Handzo - November 06, 2025 at 04:45 PM

PM

“ Sending prayers and thoughts to the family, Tommy is going to missed by all. Not only is he a good friend and former classmate but he was also our carpenter. Oh the good times we all had in high school, such good memories for all of our classmates. Rest is peace.



Patsy D. Mock - November 06, 2025 at 04:34 PM

PF

“ Such an untimely loss for his wonderful family and friends RIP Tombo.
You will be missed.
Joe & Pam Frantz

Pam Frantz - November 06, 2025 at 04:14 PM

TS

“ You will be missed by so many. I will have the memories in my heart forever. Prayers to the Willis family through this very difficult time.



TAMMY SCOTT - November 06, 2025 at 04:09 PM

RP

“ Rachel Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Rachel Phillips - November 06, 2025 at 04:05 PM

ST

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with the entire Willis family. Tombo will be forever missed by everyone who knew him.*



Shelley & Ted - November 06, 2025 at 03:11 PM

LA

“ *Lonnie And Shirley Anthony lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Lonnie and Shirley Anthony - November 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DG

“ *David,Annie Gardner lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



David,Annie Gardner - November 06, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Middleton lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Shirley Middleton - November 06, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Willis Jr..



November 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Jennie and Dick Mezick and Libby Dobson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas B. Willis Jr..

Jennie and Dick Mezick and Libby Dobson - November 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Bruce & Patti Tarr - November 06, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Rest easy, Tombo. Your work on earth is done. Much love and comforting thoughts to the family.



Jane Anthony - November 06, 2025 at 01:05 PM

LJ

“ *Larry Scearce Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Larry Scearce Jr - November 06, 2025 at 12:46 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Centreville Methodist Women - November 06, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CW

Kim and family: please know others care and are praying for your family. If there is anything we can do, please get in touch with us. Thinking of you with many blessings. God bless. Centreville Methodist Women

Centreville Methodist Women - November 06, 2025 at 12:32 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 06, 2025 at 12:26 PM

GP

Nola and family: our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Hold onto the wonderful memories and they will help make the road a little smoother. Take one day at a time and know God is with you. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 06, 2025 at 12:28 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - November 06, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Wendy Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Wendy Hampton - November 06, 2025 at 11:12 AM

GP

“ *Ginny Perry lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Ginny Perry - November 06, 2025 at 11:08 AM

CD

“ *Cindy Dill lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Cindy Dill - November 06, 2025 at 11:06 AM

SR

“ *Scott And Kim Ruth lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Scott and Kim Ruth - November 06, 2025 at 11:01 AM

WG

“ *Wayne Gardner lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



Wayne Gardner - November 06, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.*



June Clark - November 06, 2025 at 10:34 AM

BC

“ Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of
Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Bonnie Coleman - November 06, 2025 at 10:31 AM

CK

“ Claire Kelley lit a candle in memory of
Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Claire Kelley - November 06, 2025 at 09:50 AM

TH

“ Tammy Holmes lit a candle in memory of
Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Tammy Holmes - November 06, 2025 at 09:43 AM

AH

“ Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of
Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Angel Huffman - November 06, 2025 at 09:30 AM

KM

“ Keith Morris lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Keith Morris - November 06, 2025 at 09:19 AM

BQ

“ Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Bruce Quinn - November 06, 2025 at 09:19 AM

FS

“ Frank And Jarrett Smith lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Frank and Jarrett Smith - November 06, 2025 at 08:55 AM

LW

“ Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas B. Willis Jr.



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - November 06, 2025 at 08:35 AM