



Jeffrey Earnest Willis

November 10, 1958 - April 30, 2016

Jeffrey Earnest Willis, 57, of Lewistown, passed away peacefully at his home on April 30, 2016.

Jeffrey was born November 10, 1958 in Springfield, IL the son of Everett and Josephine (Goodin) Willis. He married Karen Elizabeth Zeiger on June 22, 2007, she survives.

Jeffrey is also survived by his mother, two brothers; Mike (Shirley) Willis of Petersburg, and Jackie (Sheila) Willis of Tallula, his children; Matthew (Jennie) Willis of Athens, and daughter Jessica Lee Ann Willis of Riverton, step children: Aaron Zeiger of Lewiston, Beth (Phil) Willson of Mason City, and Jennifer Matthew of Eatonville, W; 7 grandchildren, Lillie and Hunter Willis, Christopher and Shaylynn Bennett, Kaylee James, Logan and Brooke Willson; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his father, sister Paula, and step daughter Stacey Zeiger.

Jeff served proudly served our country in the U.S. Army, retiring after 20 years. Later he worked at Garrett Aviation and Excel of Beardstown. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5001.

He enjoyed fishing, daily drives in his pick-up, and his dogs. His dog Artie never left his side.

Cremation rites were accorded by Hurley Funeral Home of Petersburg. A memorial service officiated by Pastor Shawn Schaeffer will be held at 11 am on May 4, 2016 at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. The family will receive guests from 10 am until the time of the memorial service. Military honors will be performed by the Menard County Inter Veterans Ceremony Unit.

Those who wish may leave memorials in Jeffrey's name to Petersburg VFW Veteran Services.

Please visit Jeffrey's online obituary at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home of Petersburg is assisting the Willis family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Earnest Willis

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jeff's death. I am praying for the whole family. He is out of pain now.

Mary Ruth Richards - May 05, 2016 at 06:11 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of the Willis family. The Brumelow's (Johnny and Joyce)

Johnny and Joyce Brumelow - May 03, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ Janice Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Earnest Willis



Janice Ferguson - May 03, 2016 at 08:00 PM

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“ He was my daddy. My hero. My best friend. My heart now carries a huge hole from him leaving me!! I know now he don't suffer or is he in pain. I love you daddy. I will miss you every second of every day. You was my mom and dad. Thank you for all that you have done for my brother and I.



jessica willis - May 03, 2016 at 07:32 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Willis family. The Grogan Family.

Floyd Grogan - May 03, 2016 at 03:17 PM

RP

“ Our prayers go out to the family of Jeff Willis. Sorry for your loss.

Richard & Susan Potter - May 03, 2016 at 02:30 PM

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“ To Jeffrey Willis Family:
I'm sorry to read of Jeffery's death. It will truly be a wonderful time when Gods word found in the bible at Act chap 24 verse 15 are realized. There it plainly states that, "One day there will be a resurrection. until then pray for Gods Kingdom to Come. "

D.W. - May 03, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ I've known Jeff for 44 years haven't been around him much in the last few years but I will miss him very much RIP JEFF i'll see u when it's my time to go love you brother-in-law



Penny Christy - May 03, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Earnest Willis.



May 03, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss....love kenny and Laquita Haynes, Sonia and John Cannon.



laquita and Kenny haynes - May 03, 2016 at 09:48 AM