



Raymond Willis

July 14, 1924 - January 30, 2015

Raymond Willis, 90, of Athens, passed away on January 30, 2015 at 6:32 pm at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL. He was born July 14, 1924, in Ashland, IL, the son of Guy and Lyda Grant Willis. He married Wilda Robinson in 1946.

He is survived by his sons, Billy Ray (Connie) Willis of Greenview and Ronald Lee Willis of Petersburg; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and a sister, Marrietta Emmett of Nashville, TN. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilda and 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Raymond was a member of Greenview Christian Church, AMVETS of Greenview, Petersburg V.F.W. post 6871. He was a very active member of the Amateur Trap Shooters Association, travelling across the country to shoot in meets. He served as club president from 1979-1980, participated with numerous All State Trap Teams and was inducted into the ITA Hall of Fame in 2000. He was a farmer all of his life and served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, visitation will be held from 5 to 7 pm that evening. Cremation rites will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to Greenview Christian Church or American Cancer Society.

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

Previous Events

Service

FEB 3 (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Willis*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Uncle Raymond, I love you so much, all my memories of you and Aunt Wilda are wonderful and precious to me. You were so gentle and so kind and such a strong man of Faith, what an amazing example you've been. Today I cry because I'm selfish, but I will celebrate, because I know where you are, in heaven with family and Our Heavenly Father Healed, with no more sorrow, no more pain My heart breaks today for the whole family, and for my sweet sweet momma (Marietta Willis Emmett), you are her big brother, her protector, her best friend. As much as this hurts, we will cling to the hope we have in Jesus and knowing we will soon, see you again.*
Vickie Lee (emmett) Grindstaff



Vickie Grindstaff - February 03, 2015 at 12:03 PM



Vickie Grindstaff, that was beautiful...

Shawna willis - February 06, 2015 at 09:02 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. He & Wilda were counted among Mother & Dad's (Penn & Daisy Minor) good friends. I remember them sitting at the kitchen table having coffee & visiting; or going out to dinner. We send sincerest condolences to his family.

June (Minor) Simmons - February 02, 2015 at 01:50 PM

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Connie Willis - February 01, 2015 at 10:53 PM

VG

Oh Connie I love that picture.
-Vickie Emmett Grindstaff

Vickie Emmett Grindstaff - February 03, 2015 at 11:02 AM

MS

I visited Raymond in the hospital last week, and he smiled when I told him who I was. Raymond and Wilda were a huge part of my life in the late 70's and early 80's when we would go to trap shoots in Arizona. They watched over me like surrogate parents to be certain no one bothered me! While I am saddened to hear of his passing, it is comforting to know that he and Wilda are together once more. Rest in peace Raymond, and give Wilda a big hug for me.

Mrs. Blaine D. (JoAnn) Stuches - February 04, 2015 at 09:36 AM