



## Bryan L. Willis

January 8, 1965 - June 5, 2023

Age 58, of Essex, IL passed away Monday, June 5, 2023 in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born January 8, 1965 in Joliet, IL to the late Coy Eugene and Ernie Marie (nee Tkachik) Willis. Graduate of the Reed-Custer High School with the class of 1983. He married Dana Flint, November 4, 1989 in Custer Park, IL, together they raised four wonderful children. Bryan was a union Cement Mason for Local #11 since 1989, currently employed with Martin Cement in Romeoville, IL. He was a devout believer in Jesus and worshipped regularly at the Island City Baptist Church in Wilmington. He was an NRA member and an avid outdoorsman, spending his time hunting and fishing. His favorite time of the year was late fall, where he spent weekends in Southern Illinois, deer hunting. Bryan often said his time spent in the wilderness is where he felt closest to God. Above all, his wife and children were the loves of his life. He enjoyed coaching his children in various sports and going on unforgettable family vacations. He was proud of each one of his children and their own individual accomplishments. If you met Bryan, you knew how great of a person he was, he truly never met a stranger, and had a love for life. Surviving are his wife of thirty-three years, Dana (nee Flint) Willis of Essex; four children, Bryan "Dubbie" Willis II of Essex, Jacob Coy Willis of Essex, Allison Marie Willis of Essex, IL, and Austin Matthew Willis of Gardner, IL; one sister, Tammy (Devin) Dransfeldt of Custer Park, IL; three brothers, Stacey (Amy) Willis of Braidwood, Todd (Trixie) Willis of Braidwood, and Richard (Christie) Willis of Channahon; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins,

and many friends; mother-in-law, Virginia Flint of Salem, MO; brothers-in-law, Carl (Traci) Flint and Robert (Carol) Flint both of Salem, MO; sisters-in-law, Jackie (Harold) Billings of Salem, MO , Rebecca Flint of Vandalia, MO and Melanie (Tracy) Wilkerson of Reddick, IL; and beloved grand-puppy, Juneau. Preceding him in death were his parents Coy and Ernie Willis; and father-in-law, Melvin Flint. Visitation for Bryan will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 4-8 p.m. Funeral services will also be at the funeral home, Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Wesley Township Cemetery in Ritchie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name may be directed to Samaritan's Purse: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>.

# Cemetery Details

## Wesley Township

Ritchie, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I was very sorry to hear of Bryans passing .I did not find out about his service until after it was over. May our dear Lord give comfort and strength to his family . Cousin Ken Willis ,Morris

Kenneth Willis - September 16, 2023 at 09:44 AM

DK

“ My heartfelt and deepest sympathy for Bryan's family. He was a good man and loved Jesus and his family and friends.May it bring comfort to know he is with our Lord at peace and one day you will be together,never to part. Hugs and prayers. Love Diana and Kurt Kuehni



Diana Kuehni - July 03, 2023 at 03:10 AM

RM

“ Prayers go out to you all sorry for you loss may he rest in peace with the angels ☐😊



Ricki Maldonado - June 14, 2023 at 09:37 PM

SU

“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Bryan Willis



Sue - June 11, 2023 at 01:21 PM

SM

“ *Sheryl Mathus lit a candle in memory of Bryan Willis*



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**Sheryl Mathus** - June 11, 2023 at 11:02 AM

CE

“ *We're very sorry to hear of Bryan's passing. Sending much sympathy to the Willis & Flint families.*



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**Chris & Sheree Earley** - June 09, 2023 at 10:39 PM

SM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May Brian find peace in the arms of the Lord!*

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**Sandy Welsh Mahalik** - June 09, 2023 at 06:22 PM

RS

“ *So sorry to learn of Bryan's passing. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to his close friends and family.*



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**Ron Steinacher** - June 08, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MB

“ I am a class mate of Bryan's. I have known him all my life. Fly high Bryan. May you find peace. 🙏❤️



Mary Bell - June 08, 2023 at 12:59 PM

CC

“ Carla Chase-Earles lit a candle in memory of Bryan Willis



Carla Chase-Earles - June 07, 2023 at 06:31 PM

VR

“ Valerie Reese lit a candle in memory of Bryan Willis



Valerie Reese - June 07, 2023 at 04:07 PM

DA

“ Sorry name is spelled wrong its Deby Alton email deborahalton1@gmail.com Rest in Heaven. Bryan .my condolences to the Family and am so sorry for the loss



Deby Alton - June 07, 2023 at 03:37 PM

DA

“ *Dwby Alton lit a candle in memory of Bryan Willis*



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**Dwby Alton** - June 07, 2023 at 03:29 PM

KB

“ *Bryan was a fun and awesome storyteller. Whenever I saw him he would tell a few crazy stories. He was a good friend to us. Always a positive man. He loved his family wholly. He will be missed. We love you guys.*

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**Kay Bradley** - June 07, 2023 at 01:31 PM

GH

“ *Bryan was the hardest working man I've ever met and one of the funniest too. He was a hell of a father and a heck of a sportsman. He wasn't afraid to tell you how he felt and he'd give you the truth straight as an arrow. I can admire that in a man. I will miss him dearly, as will a LOT of other people. He provided all of us with great, lasting memories. Apparently God needed side walks poured on the side of them streets paved with gold.*

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**Grant Van Haelst** - June 07, 2023 at 11:23 AM