



Ernie Marie Willis

May 27, 1942 - November 19, 2021

Age 79, of Essex, IL, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, Friday, November 19, 2021 at her home. Born May 27, 1942 in Morris, IL to the late Andrew Tkachik and Margie (nee Storm) Basham. Ernie along with her husband owned and operated Willis Construction in Braidwood for 40 years. She was an Eastern Star member of the Masonic Lodge #704 in Braidwood. Her family meant the world to her, she loved traveling and going on vacations with them and she always looked forward to attending her grandchildren's sporting events and school plays. She found great joy in cooking special meals for her family. She thoroughly enjoyed reading cookbooks to find the next best recipe and also gardening magazines for the next best planting tip. Ernie had a passion for planting, you could always find her working in her vegetable garden and tending to her rose bushes. She lived for her family, but her four-legged companions always held a special place in her heart. Surviving are five children, Stacey (Amy) Willis of Braidwood, Bryan (Dana) Willis of Essex, Todd (Trixie) Willis of Braidwood, Richard Willis of Channahon, IL, and Tammy (Devin) Dransfeldt of Custer Park, IL; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Judy Severson of MO; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Coy Eugene Willis (8-22-2008), whom she married July 25, 1960; and sister, Charlene Basham. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Monday, November 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of

funeral services beginning at 12:00 p.m. Pastor Graham Rodgers will officiate. Interment will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery, Braceville. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

NOV **22**. 12:00 PM - 12:40 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Skeeter lit a candle in memory of Ernie Marie Willis*



Skeeter - November 21, 2021 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ *Jimmy And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Ernie Marie Willis*



Jimmy and Peggy Cole - November 19, 2021 at 04:54 PM

BE

“ *I loved Ernie Marie since we were young girls! She was like my sister. I will hold onto the many memories of the times we had together and the love we shared! God Bless You, Sister!*

betty - November 19, 2021 at 02:45 PM

CS

My deepest condolences and thanks to Ken Willis I saw this ..God bless you all in your time of need

Cheryl Barnett (Shewmake) - November 19, 2021 at 03:30 PM

KW

“ *Very sorry to hear about aunt Earnie Gods peace and comfort to the family Ken willis*

kenneth. willis - November 19, 2021 at 02:17 PM