

## R.A. Willis

March 28, 1937 - August 11, 2015

Age 78, of Godley, IL passed away peacefully, Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at his home. Born March 28, 1937 in Bee Spring, KY to the late Verne and Stella (nee Lashley) Willis.

R.A retired from Local #150, in Countryside, IL as an operating engineer. He also served as the former mayor for the village of Godley for approximately twenty-five years.

Surviving are his wife of fifty-one years, Jean (nee Shelly) Willis of Godley; three daughters, Kim Willis of Jasper, AL, Roxanne (Jerry Alton) Willis of Godley, and Punky Willis of Godley; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; four brothers, three sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sons, Keith and Kevin Willis; two grandchildren, Tony Willis and Shane Bonham; and three brothers.

As R.A. would say.... "Gosh dang it, Punky!" Cremation rites have been accorded.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Karen Passini Anderson lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



Karen Passini Anderson - September 03, 2015 at 05:47 PM

MY

“ Maureen And Jean Yeates lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



Maureen and Jean Yeates - August 22, 2015 at 11:09 AM

DW

“ My heartfelf sympathy goes out to Jean and all the family. R.A. was one of a kind. I know you will miss him dearl. Dorie Wilson.

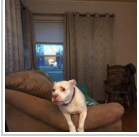
Dora Wilson - August 22, 2015 at 09:53 AM

MB

“ Mary Bell lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



Mary Bell - August 18, 2015 at 10:49 AM



“ *Malinda Scovel-Gentry lit in memory of R.A. Willis.*

**Malinda Scovel-Gentry** - August 16, 2015 at 06:46 PM

DF

“ *Donnie And Jeanette Foote lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Donnie and Jeanette Foote** - August 15, 2015 at 02:01 PM

MB

“ *R.A. Was a great guy, i enjoyed many years of sharing coffee and jokes with RA.and he will be greatly missed . My Sympathy to his family God Bless  
Merle Briggs Sr. and family*



**Merle Briggs** - August 15, 2015 at 12:45 PM

AA

“ *Anita Arthur lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Anita Arthur** - August 14, 2015 at 09:07 PM

AA

*You will be sadly missed R.A. I always enjoyed your visits to the Park and Grille at Lake Shannon. May your family find peace with all the loving memories you've shared.*

**Anita Arthur** - August 14, 2015 at 09:11 PM

MG

“ *Maxie Greene lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Maxie Greene** - August 14, 2015 at 12:02 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Havekost lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Lisa Havekost** - August 14, 2015 at 06:04 AM

RW

“ *Rich And Theresa Willis lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Rich and Theresa Willis** - August 13, 2015 at 10:47 PM

RW

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**Rich and Theresa Willis** - August 13, 2015 at 10:47 PM

RW

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**Rich and Theresa Willis** - August 13, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JD

“ *JULie And Bob Decker lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**JULie And Bob Decker** - August 13, 2015 at 05:30 PM

SN

“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with you. RA will be deeply missed. Jeanne & R.A. & girls, you guys are like family.*



*Shelly (Mack) Newbrough*

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**Shelly Newbrough** - August 13, 2015 at 02:44 PM

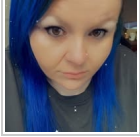
SM

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending many prayers and much love.*



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**shannon mangan** - August 13, 2015 at 01:16 PM



“ *Crystal Riddlesperger Joiner lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Crystal Riddlesperger Joiner** - August 13, 2015 at 10:55 AM

LS

“ *Lester(Pren) & Thelma Saltsman lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**lester(Pren) & Thelma Saltsman** - August 13, 2015 at 10:02 AM

SR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I will miss you daddy RA :( Love you always.*



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**Shelah Russell** - August 13, 2015 at 10:02 AM

LD

“ *Laura Davis lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Laura Davis** - August 13, 2015 at 07:21 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle R.A.. My condolences and prayers to you Aunt Jean and family.

Love

Scott F. Stroud and family

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Scott F. Stroud - August 13, 2015 at 07:13 AM

BW

“ Barb Wiborg lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



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Barb Wiborg - August 13, 2015 at 06:03 AM

KW

“ RA reminded me so much of my Dad Rudy who passed away at age 73 in 2004. He and my Dad were so much alike. He and my Dad were always helping someone somewhere . They were programmed to be that way . I always felt like I was with part of my Dad when ever I would visit RA. He was a good ,hard working, loving man. He always showed affection for me as I did for him. I loved talking to him about Dad and his life growing up with his large family . Jeanie has always been so good to me also. I will miss seeing RA at Polka Dot. That seemed to be both of us best place to hang out. The world is a lonelier place without him in it. But he is in a much better place now. Love you Uncle RA and miss you ! Ken Willis

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Kenneth E Willis - August 13, 2015 at 12:31 AM



“ *Jacqueline Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Jacqueline Thomas** - August 12, 2015 at 11:32 PM

 Rita  
Gaddis

“ *So sorry for your loss - our thoughts and prayers are with you all*

*Rita & Dominic*



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**Rita Gaddis** - August 12, 2015 at 10:53 PM


PW

“ *Punky Willis lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Punky Willis** - August 12, 2015 at 09:01 PM

 Amanda  
Jean

“ *Amanda Jean lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



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**Amanda Jean** - August 12, 2015 at 08:43 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Biebuck lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Cindy Biebuck** - August 12, 2015 at 08:36 PM

DF

“ *Don Berglund Family lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Don Berglund Family** - August 12, 2015 at 08:28 PM

PA

“ *Pamela Alton-McClintock lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Pamela Alton-McClintock** - August 12, 2015 at 08:17 PM

 Cindy Ewers

“ *Cindy Ewers lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Cindy Ewers** - August 12, 2015 at 08:09 PM



*Prayers to the family*

**Cindy Ewers** - August 12, 2015 at 08:10 PM

JD

“ *My sympathies to all of you during your time of loss. May God see you through this very sad time. Love you all. Jeani Davis*

**jeani davis** - August 12, 2015 at 07:44 PM

KC

“ *Kim Cole lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Kim Cole** - August 12, 2015 at 07:13 PM

R]

“ *Renee Nelson [Wills ] lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis*



**Renee Nelson [Wills ]** - August 12, 2015 at 06:35 PM

R]

*I remember you an your wife . I used to live in Gardner ill years ago. R.I.P. R.A.*

**Renee Nelson [Wills ]** - August 12, 2015 at 06:38 PM

RD

“ Rhonda Derr lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



Rhonda Derr - August 12, 2015 at 05:46 PM

SF

“ Susie Flowers lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



susie flowers - August 12, 2015 at 05:24 PM

SS

“ Sandy Schott lit a candle in memory of R.A. Willis



Sandy Schott - August 12, 2015 at 04:36 PM

CJ

*we will miss him hes part of our family loved him Carolyn shirley*

carolyn johnson - August 12, 2015 at 05:21 PM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Wills Family,RA was one of the kindest men I have ever known, I will miss running into him and talking,he always made me laugh,I will never forget him, RIP RA .

Sandy Schott - August 12, 2015 at 04:35 PM

LB

“ *RA I will miss you & and telling everyone my story about the winter 2000 myself & Daughter Jeanette lived across the street from you . Jeanette & I had just finished cleaning off our car & trash can & here you come in the plow and showered both of us the & garbage cans .lol*



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**Lorra&Tony Baccili** - August 12, 2015 at 04:16 PM