



Mr. James Edward "Ed" Willis

November 4, 1937 - August 2, 2018

Funeral services for Mr. James Edward "Ed" Willis, 80, of Anniston, will be at 2 pm on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Golden Springs Baptist Church with Dr. Roland P. Brown officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at 10 am on Monday, August 6, 2018 at Forestlawn Gardens.

Mr. Willis passed away on August 2, 2018 at UAB.

Mr. Willis was a longtime member of Golden Springs Baptist Church where he also served as a deacon. He also participated with Carpenters for Christ. Mr. Willis was a licensed amateur ham radio operator and served on several deployments with the Alabama Disaster Relief and provided vital communications links between disaster relief workers in the field, the State conventions, and other state resources. He was also heavily involved in local amateur radio events, serving activities such as the Cheaha Challenge. He was an active member of both the Calhoun County Amateur Radio Association (CCARA) and the ARES/RACES group of the EMA. Mr. Willis served his country with honor in the United States Army. During his enlistment, he served for a period of time in Korea following the War. Mr. Willis loved spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Willis is preceded in death by his parents, George W. And Beatrice Hardy Willis; a brother, Marvin C. Willis; a brothers-in-law, Luther Ward and Roland Nimz; and a sister-in-law, Marlys Willis.

Mr. Willis is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sarah Williams Willis; his daughters, Susan Lee (Richard), Anita Russell (Todd), and Christy Ross (Tony); grandchildren, Zach Lee (Katie), Brittany Lee, Jacob Lee, Giovanni Soto, Isabella Soto, Katelyn Ross, Maggie Ross, and Blaine Russell; his sisters, Nellie W. Ward, Lillie Mae Nimz, and Mary Joyce Willis; and his brothers, William "Jack" Willis and John L. Willis (Sharon).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief in care of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, P.O. Box 681970

Prattville, Alabama 36068-1970, or to Golden Springs Baptist Church, 3 Robertson Road, Anniston, AL 36207.

Cemetery

Forestlawn Gardens

730 Golden Springs Road
Anniston, AL, 36207

Events

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Visitation

01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Funeral Service

02:00PM

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