



Mrs. Ollie Willis

November 26, 1942 - April 22, 2020

Mrs. Ollie Willis, Age 77 of St. Louis, MO

Ollie L. Willis was born November 26, 1942 to the late Ivy Yates, Jr. and Susie B. Yates in Desha, AR. She was the second of four children. Her brother, Clinton T. Yates, preceded her in death.

She was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools graduating from Sumner High School in 1961. She later married the late John C. Willis, Jr. April 16, 1966.

Ollie started working for the US Army Reserve Personnel Center July 1966. It wasn't just work for Ollie she established great relationships that ultimately became long-term friendships. After 30 years of service she retired February 1997.

Ollie confessed her life to Christ at an early age. She joined Central Baptist Church December 25, 2005 under the leadership of Robert C. Scott, Pastor. She became a member of the 4H – Helping Hands & Hospitable Hearts. As a member of 4H she did various tasks at the church. Ollie always had a friendly smile and loved being around people.

Ollie had a volunteer spirit. She volunteered faithfully at Antioch Baptist

Church Food Pantry on a weekly basis. She also volunteered at Christian Hospital North East as a receptionist. Ollie was the caregiver for several family members and friends. If she wasn't volunteering, she would be baking her famous German Chocolate cake or making her peanut cluster candy. Some called Ollie "Friendly Bob" cause she never met a stranger. She was always talking to people and making others laugh.

She departed this life on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 11:45 pm after a brief illness.

Ollie leaves to cherish her memories: 2 sisters, Connie M. Baskin and Janet (aka Ree) Yates; 3 nieces, Carol Yates & Clintonia Yates (Atlanta, GA) and Ericka Washington (Irvine, CA); 1 sister-in-law Emogene Yates, (Atlanta GA), 1 dear and special cousin Minnie L. Owens (Chicago, IL), a host of other relatives and family members, as well as her Central Baptist Church family; her dearest friends, Marie Mitchom, Jean Blackwell, Pat Hodges Smith, Gloria McCullough and Doris Adair and special nieces, Andrea Robinson, Kay Gage and Rene Perryman.

Private viewing Monday, May 4th & Burial at Jefferson Barracks Wednesday, May 13th.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery - Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Rd
St. Louis, MO 63125

Tribute Wall

WM

“ Ollie and my late sister, Justine Wesley, became friends while working at the Record Center, 9700 Page Blvd, St. Louis, MO. Ollie was a great and caring friend, a kind person. She always had a smile and was always encouraging. She remained in contact with me after my sister's death. I will always remember and appreciate her friendship and kindness. A beautiful flower for Heaven's garden.
Wanda Morganfield-Nelson



Wanda Morganfield-Nelson - June 06, 2020 at 01:19 PM

WY

“ It is with heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and Ollie's church family. This comes as a surprise to me because I live out of state. Ollie and my sister were friends and had a mutual friend but I came to know Ollie through my mother-in-law, Mrs. Juanita Vaughn. Ollie and Mrs. Vaughn sat together during regular church service and until the passing of Mrs. Vaughn. I agree with everyone that Ollie was a sweet and kind jewel. She always met you with the biggest smile as if she was really happy to see you. I'm sure that Ollie and Mrs. Vaughn are sitting together once again in heaven.

Wanda Young - May 06, 2020 at 12:05 AM

DC

“ R.I.P...Prayers and heartfelt condolences to the Family of Mrs. Ollie Willis. #GBNF
Dianna Cross
Soldan Class of 1969

Dianna Cross - May 04, 2020 at 11:45 PM

DJ

“ I worked with Ollie years ago at the Record Center and recently reconnected with her at Christian Hospital as a volunteer-I will truly miss her warm smile and friendly spirit. My deepest sympathy goes out to her family- Heaven is gaining an angel

Donna Johnson - May 04, 2020 at 08:56 PM

SA

“ I met Miss Ollie at 9700 Page years ago. She was a sweet woman. Central Baptist Church will miss her.

Sharon M Adkins - May 04, 2020 at 10:17 AM

AR

“ I met Ollie at Central but we had a mutal friend.Always took the time to chat with me. We always joked in church about one of our church members Morris Johnson(RIP) I'm gonna miss you saying Hey Girl on Sunday from across the row. Still can't believe you're gone 😭.

Arlice - May 03, 2020 at 08:41 PM

EJ

“ Mrs. Ollie Willis' Central Baptist Church Family will greatly miss her friendly smile & her helping hands of grace. May God be with you until we meet again.
Deaconess Ernestine Jones-Gordon
Reverend Anthony L. Riley, Senior Pastor
Reverend Dr. Alice C. Price, Executive Pastor
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Ernestine Jones-Gordon - May 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM

RR

“ Oh Ollie, I will see you on the other side.
RIH....



Rev. Dr. Serena J. Rowan - May 03, 2020 at 05:47 PM

CB

“ May you rest in Heavenly peace. God has called another angel home, my beautiful sister-in-law Ollie Willis. You will never be forgotten. Praying for God's healing for the family.

Carolyn Boyle - May 03, 2020 at 12:55 PM

PW

“ Ollie was married to my brother, John. She was a very beautiful woman and her character, honesty and kindness match the outside. She was a kind and caring person, who always had time for you and what was going on in your life. When you talked to her you always felt like you were her special friend. She loved family and even though my brother passed, she was always my sister-in-law. Though she will be missed in this life, she will in now united with her husband, mother & father, mother-in-law and father-in-law and all relatives and friends who left this earth before her. She is at peace, no more illness, rejoicing with the Lord. My Mom passed three days before Ollie so we now have two more Guardian Angels. Rest well sweet princess.

Pam White - May 03, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ollie Willis.



May 03, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ollie Willis.



May 02, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Sally Ewing & Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis



Sally Ewing & Smith Family - May 01, 2020 at 06:40 AM



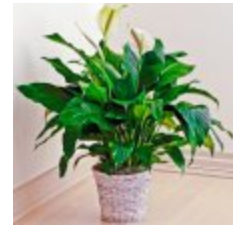
“ We miss you Aunt Ollie. The Marilyn Thomas Family will truly miss you . ❤️



Vicki Thomas - April 30, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ollie Willis.*



April 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Barbara Press lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis*



Barbara Press - April 30, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ *Thelma (Nesi) Sidney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis*



Thelma (Nesi) Sidney - April 30, 2020 at 12:32 PM



Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they shared and the love they brought into our lives. My Condolences 🙏

Thelma (Nesi) Sidney - April 30, 2020 at 12:39 PM

MW

“ *Monica Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis*



Monica Washington - April 29, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KB

“ *We send our condolences.* 🙏



Kimberly Bass - April 29, 2020 at 06:47 PM

AW

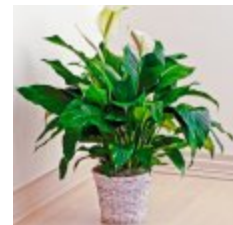
“ *Annie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis*



Annie Williams - April 29, 2020 at 06:25 PM

CR

“ *Central Baptist Church, Reverend Anthony L. Riley purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Ollie Willis.*



Central Baptist Church, Reverend Anthony L. Riley - April 29, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Ollie. Ollie and I would talk every Sunday at church (Central Baptist) and discuss former classmates from Sumner. She was a very sweet and caring person. She will truly be missed. My prayers and condolence to the family. Stay strong in the Lord and remember that He knows best. May God bless and keep you all in His care . Marlene May, Sumner Bulldog and Church member.



Marlene new May - April 29, 2020 at 12:29 PM

PL

“ Ollie and I connected at Christian Hospital, NE. Ollie was a breath of fresh air each Monday as she walked through the doors of the hospital with that infectious smile. Kind and benevolent are only two words that describe my friend. Peace and comfort is what I pray for all her family.

PJ Landrum - April 29, 2020 at 10:38 AM

RM

“ To the family with my heartfelt sympathy, May God be your tender comfort in sorrow and bring peace and strength in the days to come. Ollie and I have been friends since 1957 we went to high school together didn't talk all the time but when we did we would pick up where we left off. We even work At 9700 Page. She will be greatly miss and Connie thanks.
From her Sumner High School Class of "1961" Rita Moore

Rita Moore - April 28, 2020 at 09:51 PM

DW

“ *My dear Sister-in-Law. We never got to have that lunch. I was so sure that this would be the time. I thank you for the live and friendship over these years as I remember the times I lived with you and John briefly. Our evening television watching was a joy. My heart is heavy but knowing that you are no longer in pain and in the arms of Our Lord and Savior, along with loved ones, brings peace. Continuous prayers to Connie and Marie and the rest of the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dannie Willis - April 28, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *Kenneth McGhee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis*



Kenneth McGhee - April 28, 2020 at 03:39 PM

CM

I met Ollie though My Sister In-law, and from day one She never felt like A stranger. U Could just feel the Love though her Warm and Beautiful Smile that She always had No matter when ever you Saw her. She will B Truely Miss. God got Another 🙏💔💔💔💔💔

Christine McCullough - April 28, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ollie's passing. She was a wonderful volunteer at Christian Hospital with a caring spirit for everyone she met. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Sheryl McClary - April 27, 2020 at 06:52 PM

KH

“ Greg & Karen Hall and family wish to extend our condolences to Connie, her sister, niece Ericka and other family members. We met Ollie through my brother Vincent Wallace. She was one of my brother's best friends. She called him everyday. She was there for him before and during his illness. She made sure he was comfortable during his last hours. She held his hand and told him over and over, that "it's alright". I was so blessed to get to know her. Our sincere condolences and prayers to you and the family. I am praying for God's strength, peace and comfort during this extremely difficult time.

KAREN HALL - April 26, 2020 at 07:32 PM

KS

“ Kenneth G. McGhee And Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ollie Willis



Kenneth G. McGhee and Archway Staff - April 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM