



Lois Marie Willis

October 20, 1933 - February 5, 2026

Lois Marie Willis (known as “Dot” by her family) passed away on February 5, 2026. She was born October 20, 1933 (age 92) in Del Rio, Tennessee to Creed and Minnie Seay. She was one of nine children: Iris, Ois, Lois, Mois, Tois, Royce, Joyce, Edgar and Mary Ruth.

Lois attended Coker County High School, and after graduation worked in Spartanburg, SC and Detroit, Michigan. She married Joseph D. Willis on October 15, 1953 and remained happily married until Joe’s passing on June 15, 2022.

Lois is survived by her three children: Teresa McIntyre (Raleigh, NC), Joseph D. “J.D.” Willis (Atenas, Costa Rica), Vida Willis (Yulee, FL); two grandchildren, Megan Thakkar (Durham, NC), Joseph “Joey” Aaron Willis (Atenas, Costa Rica); one great grandchild, Neeve Lois Anuj Thakkar; and three siblings, Royce May “Rosie May” Seay (Springfield, OH), Edgar Creed Seay (Del Rio, TN) and Mary Ruth Shulaw (Cincinnati, OH).

Lois was a huge sports enthusiast: playing basketball with her sister Iris and first cousin Clarene at Coker County High School and in her fifties pitching for an intramural softball team at Sears Distribution center (Jacksonville, FL). She retired from Sears upon the closing of the catalog center in the mid-1990s. Lois was also a big NASCAR fan and rooted for Dale Jarrett until his retirement.

Lois enjoyed so much this life has to offer: all things relating to celebrating Christmas; old movies (especially westerns); a cup of coffee anytime of the

day; playing games with family and friends; and working outside in her yard. However, what Lois loved most was her God and her family and friends. She will be sorely missed by all those who loved her.

The family will receive friends on Friday, 2/13/26, from 3:00 PM-4:30PM. Funeral service immediately following viewing.

Graveside service will be Saturday, 2/14/26, at Jonestown Cemetery at 11:00 AM (Del Rio, TN). Processional will gather at Manes funeral Home at 10:00AM Saturday morning.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
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Newport, TN 37821
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<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

Funeral service

FEB 13. 4:30 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Burial and Graveside Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jonestown Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Lois Marie Willis*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - February 13 at 11:06 AM

GW

“ *My sincere condolences. Edgar I am so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. God be with you and your family.*



Glenda Willis - February 13 at 09:37 AM

AE

“ *Prayers for the family!*

Arzella Mantooth (Holiday Inn Expres) - February 11 at 08:19 AM

EF

“ *Earl Seay & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lois Marie Willis.*



Earl Seay & Family - February 10 at 08:53 PM

DH

“ *Debbie, Jack, Julia, and Jaclyn Hoffman purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Lois Marie Willis.*



Debbie, Jack, Julia, and Jaclyn Hoffman - February 10 at
06:42 PM