



## Rev. Arthur Willis

November 10, 1943 - September 12, 2025

Rev. Arthur Willis, age 81, of Del Rio, passed away Friday, September 12, 2025 surrounded by his family.

He was drafted into the United States Army, during Vietnam, he was a Brick Mason and a Pastor for almost 60 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Agnes (Metcalf) Willis, wife of 53 years, Barbara (Hill) Willis, son, Clarence Willis, brothers, Charles Willis (infant), Herman Willis, Clyde Willis, Kenneth Willis, and Luther Willis.

He is survived by his daughter, Melinda (Jamey) McDaniel, son Arthur C. "A.C." (Stacy) Willis, grandson, Jamey McDaniel (Makallia Lynn), brothers, Paul (Doris), Orville (Donna), sisters, Bernice Manning, Pearl Parton, Tennie Lou Yates, Nellie Johnson, and Rachel (Boyce) Williams, several nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

The family will receive friends Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. , with the funeral service following at 7:00 p.m. in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Randall Frisbee and Pastor Glenn Ball officiating. Burial will take place Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Frisbee-Rathbone Cemetery.

Special Thank You to: Tasha Tucker, Smoky Home Health and Hospice, New Prospect Baptist Church, Bridgeport Freewill Baptist Church, Manning Chapel Baptist Church.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

SEP **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral service

SEP **14.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM.

Frisbee-Rathbone Cemetery



PA

“ Sorry for your loss love and prayers for you all  
Bea was married to my uncle Edward I know  
how you all feel I just lost a precious sister  
August 14 but so thankful to know she was a  
child of God



PaulaEvans - September 17, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BR

“ Billy@Betty Ricker lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. Arthur Willis



Billy@Betty Ricker - September 15, 2025 at 06:20 PM

CG

“ Melinda and A.C.,  
I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers  
are with you and the family. When we built our house, I made sure  
your Dad was our mason. We joked and had good conversations.  
He bragged on both of you. He was very proud of both of you and  
your accomplishments.

Craig, Tonya, & Brody Gardner

Craig Gardner - September 15, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and the upcoming  
days to come.  
Jason Ottinger

Jason Ottinger - September 14, 2025 at 10:35 PM

ST

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad...I will be praying for you and your family now and in the days ahead..

Stephanie Turner - September 14, 2025 at 04:40 PM

DG

“ So Sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort now and the days to come.

Jeff and Darlene Gorrell

Darlene Gorrell - September 14, 2025 at 03:43 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer



Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - September 14, 2025 at 03:40 PM

LE

“ Praying for all of you at this difficult time  
Michael and Lesa Holt



lesaholt - September 14, 2025 at 02:42 PM

RS

“ Rev. Adam and Peggy Sanders Rest in Peace Praying For the Family

Rev Adam & Peggy Sanders - September 14, 2025 at 02:24 PM

FE

“ We are so sorry to hear about Arthur. We went to church with him at Bridgeport Freewill. He was such a blessing to us. Praying for the family.

*Love Mike Felicia, McKenzie, Bella Evans*

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**Felicia Evans** - September 14, 2025 at 08:39 AM

DG

“ Sending my Deepest Condolences to All of the family and friends 🙏🙏



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**Debra A Gann** - September 14, 2025 at 04:19 AM

VW

“ Arthur was always a special person to all our family. Not only our pastor but our friend too. So sorry for your loss . But he has gone to a better place that God prepared for him. As he often spoke from Psalms chapter 23, especially at the funerals he held. I always think of him when I read this or hear it read. He was one of a kind . Loved beyond measure. From the Freeman's , Leatherwoods, Williamson's and Seay's



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**Vida Williamson** - September 13, 2025 at 10:02 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Your family will be in my prayers.



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**Carla Huff** - September 13, 2025 at 09:40 PM

GW

“ Arthur was a wonderful God fearing man and will be sorely missed. Arthur was the only family member that called me Glenda Jane and that made me feel special. Prayers for you children and grandchildren, God bless you in a very special way.



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**Glenda Willis** - September 13, 2025 at 06:48 PM

TD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing but thankful he's now well and lives again!! Praying for you all.  
Jim and Tammy

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**Tammy Douglas** - September 13, 2025 at 05:32 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - September 13, 2025 at 05:02 PM

SH

“ Melinda, AC, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He was a very sweet man, a good Christian man and will be missed by many. You're in my prayers and thoughts.

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**Sandee Huff** - September 13, 2025 at 01:38 PM

JT

“ Melinda and A.C. we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Arthur will be forever missed. He was a good friend and neighbor. He is not suffering now and is just where he wants to be, with Jesus. We love you A.C. and Melinda with all our heart. Jim and Jewelene

Jewjew Travis - September 13, 2025 at 10:33 AM

GM

“ Praying for peace, comfort and the hope that Christ Jesus brings to all His children.



gail metcalf - September 13, 2025 at 09:28 AM

IT

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We Loved him  
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Imogene Turner - September 13, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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Imogene Turner - September 13, 2025 at 09:10 AM

BE

“ AC,

*We're praying for you and your family during this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort in your time of need.*

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**Benjamin Evans** - September 13, 2025 at 08:38 AM

JF

“ *A.C. and Melinda and all the family, we are very sorry to hear about your father and love ones passing. Arthur was a faithful husband ,a hard worker, a devoted father and a pastor for many years. All of the family will be in our thoughts and prayers every day. We love you all, James and Gail Frisbee*

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**James and Gail Frisbee** - September 12, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JF

“ *James and Gail Frisbee lit a candle in memory of Arthur Willis*



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**James and Gail Frisbee** - September 12, 2025 at 09:57 PM

DO

“ *Melinda and A. C. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort in the coming days.*

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**Duay O'Neil** - September 12, 2025 at 08:33 PM

JH

“ *The family is in our prayers- Bryne, Jennifer, and Isaac Hill*

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**Jennifer Hill** - September 12, 2025 at 07:27 PM

MS

“ AC and Melinda. We're so sorry for your loss but we are so grateful for the Promise of Eternal Life, which Arthur absolutely believed in. We are both sick with COVID and won't be able to attend the service but know that we loved your mom and dad and we can see them again! Love you all. Jim and Margaret Shelton

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**Margaret Shelton** - September 12, 2025 at 07:21 PM