



Tony Willis

April 7, 1966 - July 11, 2021

Tony Willis age 55 , born April 7, 1966, died July 11, 2021. He is survived by his son Seth Willis, his parents Lee and Ovella Willis. He is also survived by his son's mother Alicea McNealy, also by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, whom he adored. He enjoyed spending time with a special uncle and first cousin (Hubert & Matthew Willis).

Tony's formative years were spent in his beloved Del Rio. He attended Del Rio Elementary School for 8 years. He graduated from Cocke County High School. He received a degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee.

After graduation Tony worked with his family at Mister Automotive Parts Store, Liberty Ford-Mercury car dealership and Pioneer Buick-Pontiac Dealership. He was never interested in a lot of personal wealth or fame. He was more content by helping others achieve their goals.

Funeral services for Tony will be held 7 PM Thursday July 15, 2021 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel. The family will be receiving friends from 4-7 PM on Thursday prior to the funeral services.

Burial will be 1 PM on Friday July 16, 2021 in the Clark Cemetery at Deep Gap.

Please consider in lieu of flowers a donation in Tony's memory to: Clark Cemetery Fund

% Doris Willis, 596 Seay Hollow Rd, Del Rio TN 37727 or % Charlotte Fox, 145 Summer House Hollow Rd, Del Rio, TN 37727.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Clark Cemetery

Deep Gap, TN

Previous Events

Funeral service

JUL 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Burial

JUL 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Clark Cemetery
Deep Gap, TN

Tribute Wall



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



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2021 at 02:19 PM

TS

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Tony. Tony was a part of our family for many years. He was a great person. He always had a smile and was willing to help in anyway he could (no matter what needed to be done). I always appreciated everything he did for everyone in our family. He was instrumental for my sister the last four years. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

Tammy Steele - July 15, 2021 at 01:19 PM

JC

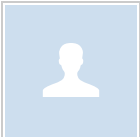
We are so sorry for your loss, love you all . We are thinking about you all and praying for peace for the family

Joyce Clark - July 15, 2021 at 02:57 PM

KE

Tony you will be missed. Dennis and Kathy Edmonds

kathy edmonds - July 15, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *Tony Willis*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JH

“ *Deepest condolences. A good person from a good family.*

John Henderson - July 30, 2021 at 10:58 AM

LM

“ *So sad to hear of Tony's passing. Prayers for the family.
My deepest condolences,
Don, Cindy and Kanan wise*

lmolly@bellsouth.net - July 16, 2021 at 05:09 PM

CT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Charlotte & George Tweed*

Charlotte Tweed - July 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM

VB

“ *So sorry for your loss- Tony was a great, funny guy!*

Valarie Dockery Bean - July 16, 2021 at 10:45 AM

WM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. He was a good person.
Keeping his family in our prayers.*

Wendy (Self) Morriss and Nathan Morriss

Wendy Morriss - July 15, 2021 at 11:48 PM

AE

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Angela Evans - July 15, 2021 at 10:51 PM

LH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort.

Johnny. Lisa (Miller), and Rylee Henry

Lisa Miller Henry - July 15, 2021 at 09:26 PM

MC

“ Lee and Ovella, we are so very sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time and the days ahead.

*Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman
Sarah Hartsell
James Williford*

Mary Chrisman - July 15, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ So Sorry For Your Great Loss I Pray God Will Give You Peace And Comfort As Only He Can Give My Love And Prayers Are With You All
Joycelle Ellison

Joycelle Ellison - July 15, 2021 at 08:22 PM

BC

“ Our sincerest and deepest sympathy,
Bettye & Carl Jay Carver

Bettye & Jay Carver - July 15, 2021 at 07:22 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss praying for the family.
Ed and Linda Strange



Ed Strange - July 15, 2021 at 07:05 PM

AB

“ So sorry to hear about Tony's passing.
You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Ann Ball - July 15, 2021 at 06:23 PM

RW

“ Lee & Ovella - Sending thoughts and prayers.
Tony will be missed.
Ron & Mary Wilson



Ron & Mary Wilson - July 15, 2021 at 06:20 PM

CB

“ Prayers for your loss

Connie & Marsha Ball & Dean Ball - July 15, 2021 at 05:32 PM

SO

“ So sorry to hear of your dad’s past Seth , you are in our prayers.



Sherry Ottinger - July 15, 2021 at 05:07 PM

SF

“ Our hearts are broken about Tony. Growing up he was like my brother, who lived next door. Tommy and I have so many fond memories of growing up with Tony. The good days of playing outside until we had to go in. We will always cherish those special memories of Tony and our childhood. Praying that God cradles you in His Arms, and sends His Holy Spirit to comfort your broken heart during this time. We love all of you so very much!
With Deepest Sympathy,
Joyce, Tommy Messer &
Susan Foshie



Susan Foshie - July 15, 2021 at 02:48 PM

AW

“ Lee and Ovella
Praying for you and asking for comfort, peace and strength at this difficult time Love Jean and Alvin

alvin watts - July 15, 2021 at 02:20 PM

CT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Charlotte & George Tweed

Charlotte Tweed - July 15, 2021 at 02:12 PM

TR

“ Lee and Ovella. Linda and I share the community's sadness at the passing of your son Tony. Always a difficult time in a parent's lifetime but we are promised a grand reunion in our next lives with the Lord in Heaven. You will join him again in time. And we will mourn his passing with you in this life. Tom and Linda

Tom and Linda Rosberg in Del Rio - July 15, 2021 at 12:47 PM

LG

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Tony.
We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Wilson s Sav Mor staff

Lisa Giles - July 15, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TG

“ I am so sorry for your loss - I went to school with Tony - He was a good guy - You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Atkins Grooms - July 15, 2021 at 10:16 AM

DS

“ Sorry to learn of the loss of Tony. He was always a pleasure to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Darryl Strange - July 15, 2021 at 10:10 AM

GK

“ Dot and I were so very sorry to learn of Tony's passing. Every time I would see Tony he would have a smile and kind words. When he was at Liberty Ford - Mercury he gave me the best deals I ever got on a new pickup and new car for my wife. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. RIP old friend.



Gary and Dorothy Kyker - July 15, 2021 at 08:42 AM

GB

“ Sorry for your lost

groman Black - July 15, 2021 at 05:24 AM

MW

“ Marie Wood lit a candle in memory of Tony Willis



Marie Wood - July 14, 2021 at 08:51 PM

RM

“ You are in our prayers . Our hearts are broken for the family.

Robert Mathis - July 14, 2021 at 04:41 PM

BS

“ We're so sorry to hear about Tony's passing. You are in our prayers. Bryce & Sherry.

bryce&sherry strange - July 14, 2021 at 03:00 PM

AJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss...praying for Gods loving arms to hold all of you... 🙏🙏🙏



Audrey and Don Jones - July 14, 2021 at 02:41 PM

RN

“ Rhonda Adams Crites - Reva's neighbor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tony Willis.



Rhonda Adams Crites - Reva's neighbor - July 14, 2021 at 10:32 AM

TM

“ Working with Tony and the Willis Family at Liberty Ford/Mercury was an honor and pleasure. May Tony rest in peace and may God help the Family through this sad time.

Tom McDonald - July 14, 2021 at 09:13 AM

PG

“ So sorry for your loss. May the Lord give you Peace and comfort.

Patricia Gunter - July 14, 2021 at 08:54 AM

PE

“ *Pllot Company Development, Design, Environmental purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Tony Willis.*



Pllot Company Development, Design, Environmental - July 14, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My God bless you all during this sad time. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family.*

Susan Laws Moser - July 13, 2021 at 10:39 PM

BS

“ *We're so sorry for your loss.*

Brenda And Tommy Strange - July 13, 2021 at 09:28 PM

RW

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences for the passing of Tony. I had the pleasure of seeing Tony again at my son's wedding in Arkansas. It was so nice to see him again and he was still the same Tony that he always had been, happy, friendly and quick with a witty comeback. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing. Rich*

Rich Wilkins - July 13, 2021 at 08:55 PM

LK

“ Oh man. What sad news. You all are in my prayers. Tony was an amazing friend and person. I was honored to be with Tony for 12 years of school. He all the time would say “Elizabeth can I borrow a pencil?” Everyday. I loved Tony and cherished his friendship. Prayers for the family. Tony I will see you inHEAVEN one day. I love you sweet friend. Love Libby Newman Kickliter.

Libby Kickliter - July 13, 2021 at 07:05 PM

JR

“ JUNE HOLT RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of Tony Willis



JUNE HOLT RUSSELL - July 13, 2021 at 04:54 PM

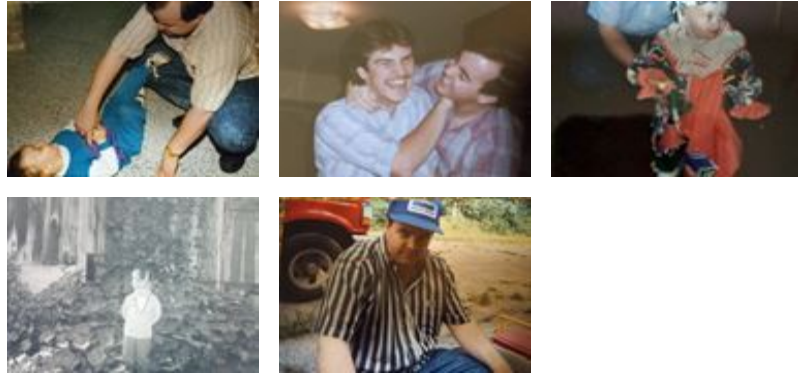
PP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends. May God bless you!

Pauline Proffitt - July 13, 2021 at 04:50 PM



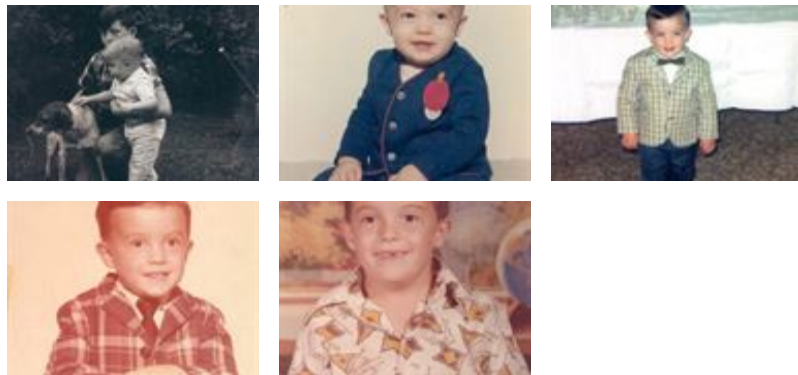
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Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ 27 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - July 13, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *I met Tony in high school my sophomore year. He was never without a smile. I am sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers to all. The world has become a little less bright.*

Trayce Williams Smith - July 13, 2021 at 01:41 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - July 13, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LD

“ Sincere Sympathy and Prayers!

Matthew 5:4



Linda & Bud Dawson - July 13, 2021 at 01:16 PM

WH

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Wendy Hogan - July 13, 2021 at 12:40 PM

PS

“ I remember him from school. I especially feel for Seth. My heart goes out to Seth & his family, my prayers are going up for you all.

Peggy Stephenson - July 13, 2021 at 10:37 AM

RD

“ Aunt Ovella, Uncle Lee and Seth,

Our heart is aching not only for ourselves for but for y'all. We laugh when we think about some of the jokes and talks that we had (some just a couple weeks ago). Tony was the type that would make you laugh and laugh until you would wet your clothes if you weren't careful. We would talk and he would say, "so tell me what all if going on in SC and don't lie to me". He never hesitated to jump in the car and come when sickness was happening or someone needed help. But we always managed to have time to cut up and laugh even though things were busy.

He was always doing something to make people laugh, like him and his cousin Heyl at Mom's 80th birthday party and if any of us were around he would always say something like you know (Heyl is my favorite cousin).

When family needed help in Virginia he would call and say, "hey what are you and Rick Rick doing this weekend, I think we need to head to Virginia and help out". We would always say, we are ready. Again, things were busy but we would always make time to talk and laugh. We made lots of good memories.

Hugs and prayers during this difficult time.

The Day's, The Lowe's and The Blystone's



Rhonda Day - July 13, 2021 at 10:06 AM

CF

“ Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers for all of you in the loss of Tony.

Randall & Connie Frisbee
Clyde Willis

Connie Frisbee - July 13, 2021 at 09:51 AM

PW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead.

Parker & Nanette Wilds - July 13, 2021 at 09:17 AM

TM

“ Our deepest condolences to the Willis Family in the passing of Tony. May he rest in peace.

Tom & MaryLou McDonald
Waynesboro, Va.

Tom McDonald - July 13, 2021 at 09:05 AM

RW

Ovella and Lee...I am so sorry for your loss of Tony...prayers coming your way..love you both.

Ruthie West - July 13, 2021 at 03:49 PM

SB

“ Praying for all of you. It breaks my heart to hear that Tony's passed. He was an awesome person who could always put a smile on your face no matter what was going on. He was a great father in law, call him anytime of day and he'd answer and be there for anything and everything. I will forever treasure the table he redone for me. he will be missed by so many.

Sarah barber - July 13, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Ovella and Lee, We are so sorry to hear about your loss . Our prayers are with you. I remember all the years Tony was growing up and then became an outstanding young man. May the Lord bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

BobbyandGail Clevenger - July 13, 2021 at 08:43 AM

MK

Our hearts are broken for you both. May God bless and give you peace in this time sorrow and grief.

Mary &Wayne Keller - July 13, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JO

“ *Tony and I went to high school together. He was always comical and honest. Sorry to hear of his passing. Blessings on the family.*

Jim O'Lear - July 13, 2021 at 08:06 AM

DO

“ *Ovella, Lee, and Seth:
We are so very sorry to hear of your great loss. Tony was an absolutely delightful student with a winning personality and desire to please. I was honored to have been his teacher. In the coming days, may angels walk beside you and surround you with God's peace and love.*

Duay O'Neil - July 13, 2021 at 07:48 AM

PE

“ *My heart hurts. Tony was one of my favorite people. He was always so good to my husband and to me. I will always love him. I'm praying for Lee and Ovella tonight. Tony was so very special.*

Prnny Ervin - July 12, 2021 at 11:37 PM

PE

“ so sorry for your loss tony was a nice person
may give you all comfort now and always
from pamela ellison



pamela ellison - July 12, 2021 at 11:10 PM

WS

“ Sorry for the loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Me and Tony
grew up together, I'm going to greatly miss him.

Willie Strange - July 12, 2021 at 10:52 PM

DE

“ I am so very to hear this. Ovella all of you are in my thoughts and
prayers. Love you. Debbie Ellison

debbie ellison - July 12, 2021 at 10:21 PM

BJ

“ Ovella, Lee Seth
My prayers are with you and the family,
My hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.
May God wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you
peace, love and comfort during this time.

Bill Justus - July 12, 2021 at 10:16 PM

SC

“ Lee and Ovella, I am so sorry. Please know I am sending prayers
your way. Sandra Calfee

Sandra Calfee - July 12, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tony Willis.*



July 12, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Pray for peace and comfort. Paul & Gail*



Gail Metcalf - July 12, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *Tony was a great friend and always was smiling everytime I saw him we went through Elementary School @ Del Rio and High School@CCHS. Then we went our own way and had our families. Tony you was always a great friend. 💔*



Kathy Kelley - July 12, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss prayers for family and friends*



Cookie Ramsey - July 12, 2021 at 08:36 PM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss may God be with you all and give you peace and comfort .Bobby ,
Linda Blair



linda blair - July 12, 2021 at 08:35 PM

GW

“ Tony was my nephew but we were raised like sister and brother. My heart is broken Forever broken.

Glenda Willis - July 12, 2021 at 08:27 PM

MT

“ We are so sorry. Prayers for all of you

mary taylor - July 12, 2021 at 08:09 PM