



## Earl 'EB' Blanch Willis

January 28, 1954 - June 2, 2017

Earl B. Willis, Jr., 63, of Mooresville, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2017 at his home after a long and courageous battle against lung cancer.

Known as EB, he was born on January 28, 1954 to the late Earl Blanch and Rose McInturff Willis in Mooresville, NC. A lifetime resident of Mooresville, EB spent many years working in his called profession of funeral service. His work life ended in 2000 when he suffered major health issues that forced his early retirement. EB was a member of Allen Graham Masonic Lodge, York and Scottish Rite, Oasis Shrine and Cabarrus Shrine Club. He was a member of Oasis Patrol and a proud participant of the color guard. He also served as a Hospital Tripster and made many trips transporting patients and families to appointments at Shriners Hospitals in Greenville, SC, Lexington, KY, and Cincinnati, OH.

He is survived by his wife, Marla Sherrill Willis; son, Earl Chadwick Willis of Mooresville; daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Randy Bates of Burleson, TX. He also leaves behind the loves of his life, his grandchildren Addie, Braelyn, and Walker.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 6 at Eastside Baptist Church in Mooresville with Rev. Steve Pace and Rev. Roger Wood officiating. Burial will follow the service at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Cemetery in Cornelius. The family will receive friends on Monday, June 5 at 6:00-8:00 PM at Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262 or Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Willis family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl 'EB' Blanch Willis*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Earl 'EB' Blanch Willis*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Earl 'EB' Blanch Willis*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *EB and I go back 40 years. It seems like yesterday. So many friends would gather at his place and listen to one awesome ELTON JOHN Collection... those were the good ole days and EB had a sound system 40 years ago that well it's hard to find that quality! He was gifted, humorous, dedicated to helping mankind. RIP EB. "Funeral for a friend" by Mr. Elton John hopefully was played at his memorial. If not, take a few moments out and really listen to the piano, lyrics and feel the live vibrations... makes those memories so vivid Of 40 yrs ago. That timeless song was a particularly favorite of his. EB was timeless just as that magical musical piece. Prayers for Mark and the rest of the family!!*

Sandra Workman - July 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Praying for you all during this difficult time! Praying for God's strength to get you thru. There is nothing that can fill the emptiness you have! I wish I could give you a big hug right now! Just know that we will do anything we can for y'all!

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**Chris** - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers for comfort for Marla and family.

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**Debbie Swing** - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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*Adam Howard,*

*Mocksville, North Carolina*

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**Adam Howard** - June 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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*Wendy Gallo,*

*Denver, North Carolina*

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**Wendy Gallo** - June 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM