



Gene Franklin Willis

November 13, 1937 - December 19, 2025

Gene Franklin Willis, 88, of Mooresville, passed away at his home on Friday, December 19, 2025.

Born on November 13, 1937, in Lincolnton, North Carolina, Gene was the son of the late Doctor and Mary Bingham Willis. He was a devoted husband, a caring father, and a beloved papaw who found his greatest joy in his family. Gene was a US Army veteran, and after being discharged, he spent many years working at UPS before retiring and was a faithful member of Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Shoemaker; his brother, Grady Willis; his son, Todd Willis; and his grandson, Aaron Willis.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 52 years, Velma "Cissy" Willis; sons, Joshua Willis, Jordan Willis and wife, Brittany; daughter-in-law, Anna Willis; sister, Hazel Hagler; his brother, Ray Willis and wife, Marie; five grandchildren, Abby, Anna Grace, Emma Grace, James, and Luke; two great-grandchildren, Mason and Rylan; and numerous nieces and nephews who will fondly remember him.

He enjoyed many hobbies, especially hunting, fishing at the Outer Banks,

playing cards, and throwing horseshoes.

The family will receive friends on Friday, December 26, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. Officiating will be Rev. David Klinedinst and Rev. Hal D. Greene. Burial will follow at Glenwood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 525 S. Broad Street, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Willis family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

DEC 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

DEC 26. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

DEC 26. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

TT

“ So sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. I’m Keeping Family and Friend’s in prayer, and thoughts. God Bless each and everyone of you, and give you peace and comfort during this time.



Teresa Thompson - December 24, 2025 at 07:00 PM

DC

“ so sorry to hear of genes passing away.i knew him and his family about all my life.i remember when he was young seeing him going by my house to pick black berries. he would come back by a few hours later with two what we called foot tubs full to the top with black berries. think he was the fastest berry picker i ever saw.great guy. sorry i cant attend his service as im back in thailand.my thoughts and prayers are with his family. rip gene. dave cook

dave cook - December 22, 2025 at 07:57 PM

TN

“ Good freinds, Great Family, Loved the Lord. Praying for all.

Tom Nixon - December 22, 2025 at 01:45 PM