



Grady Alvin Willis

September 19, 1929 - October 28, 2025

Grady Alvin Willis, 96, of Mooresville, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville.

He was born on September 19, 1929 in Lincolnton, North Carolina, to the late Doctor and Mary Bingham Willis. Mr. Willis was a US Army veteran serving in the Korean War, where he served as a medic on the front line and received a Purple Heart Award. He worked for many years at the Mooresville Iron Works and retired from the Mooresville ABC Store. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville, where he served as a deacon. Mr. Willis along with his wife, Willie, were active members of the Spinning Moor Square Dancing Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Willie Kennerly Willis; and sister, Ruth Shoemaker.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Willis; goddaughter, Pam Strickland; sister, Hazel Hagler; brothers, Ray Willis (Marie), Gene Willis (Sissy); special family friend, Selena Carver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 1 from 1:00-2:00 PM with a service following at 2:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with Rev. David Klinedinst and Rev. Hal D. Greene officiating. Burial will follow the

service at Willow Valley Cemetery in Mooresville.

Memorials may be made to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28115 and/or Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

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

Willow Valley Cemetery

Church Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Willow Valley Cemetery
Church Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

JD

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Meals on Wheel group from Fair View UMC

JUDITH DONALDSON - November 12, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SW

“ SCN BestCo - c/o Velma (Sissy) Willis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Grady Alvin Willis.



SCN BestCo - c/o Velma (Sissy) Willis - October 31, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grady Alvin Willis.



October 30, 2025 at 05:21 PM

TN

“ Praying for family and friends.

Tom Nixon - October 30, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DC

“ so sorry to hear of gradys passing.stopped by and talked with him a while back.grady was always a good man and his family that i grew up as a boy knowing them.to his family im very sorry for your gradys loss.to ray ,gene and others. sure will miss him.rip. dave cook

dave cook - October 29, 2025 at 10:23 PM