



Willie Kennerly Willis

September 23, 1936 - March 14, 2025

March 15, 2025

Willie Kennerly Willis, 88, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Friday, March 14, 2025, at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House.

She was born on September 23, 1936, in Mooresville, to the late Grady Kennerly and Della Starnes Kennerly. She was a graduate of Mooresville High School. Willie was an office administrator for J.T. Alexander & Sons before her retirement. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church. She and her husband were active members of the Spinning Moors Square Dance Club for many years.

Willie is survived by her loving husband of 71 years, Grady Alvin Willis; daughter, Sandra Willis; goddaughter, Pam Strickland, and special family friend, Selena Carver.

Visitation for family and friends will be Wednesday, March 19, from 1:00-2:00 PM, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. Services will be at 2:00 PM, also at the funeral home, with Rev. David Klinedinst officiating. Burial will follow the service in Willow Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mecklenburg Hwy., Mooresville, NC 28115, or Southside Baptist Church, 525 S. Broad St., Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Willis family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Willow Valley Cemetery

Church Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

MAR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

MAR 19. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Willow Valley Cemetery
Church Street
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *L.E. Carver lit a candle in memory of Willie Kennerly Willis*



L.E. Carver - April 01, 2025 at 12:31 PM

LC

I always loved seeing her out and about. We used to go to church together and we would reminisce.

L.E. Carver - April 01, 2025 at 12:34 PM

MW

In memory of a distant Starnes family cousin.

Melanie Wynter - April 05, 2025 at 01:14 AM

MH

“ *Mary Henrickson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Willie Kennerly Willis.*



Mary Henrickson - March 18, 2025 at 12:29 PM

TR

“ *REST IN PEACE MRS WILLIE. GONE TO SOON. PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO MR GRADY. LOVE ALWAYS TRINILICIOUS*

Trinilicious - March 17, 2025 at 07:34 PM

JB

“ Sending love and prayers to Grady and Sandy at this difficult time. Willie was a wonderful mentor and took me under her wing. I will never forget her kindness and sweet spirit.

Joni Parks- Brooks - March 17, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TN

“ Praying for family and friends. May God comfort & keep you.

Tom Nixon - March 16, 2025 at 11:10 AM

DC

“ grady,im so sorry to hear of willies passing.you are in my thoughts and prayers.i been knowing you and her my whole life. dave cook

dave cook - March 16, 2025 at 07:58 AM

DP

“ Deborah Plyler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie Kennerly Willis.



Deborah Plyler - March 15, 2025 at 11:32 PM

DP

“ Deborah Plyler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Willis.

Deborah Plyler - March 15, 2025 at 11:32 PM