



Louise J. Willis

June 1, 1929 - September 25, 2014

Louise J. Willis, age 85, of Jonesville, VA passed away peacefully on September 25, 2014 following a brief illness.

She was born June 1, 1929 in Cumberland, KY to the late Arthur and Lillie Cole Jones. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Willis; two brothers, Harold Jones and Rob Jones; and one sister, Pauline Green.

Louise lived most of her life in Jonesville where she was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesville and of the Senior Ladies Sunday School Class. She had been a faithful follower of Christ for over 70 years.

She was a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University and earned her Master's Degree from Union College. She began her career with the federal government working in Arlington, VA, but the main focus of her career was teaching middle school children. She invested in the lives of many children during her 24 years with the Lee County School Systems. She lived a full life and had many hobbies including painting, scrapbooking, reading, traveling and spending time with her Red Hat Society friends.

She is survived by four daughters, Pamela Goforth of Kingsport, TN, Cindy Neff of Jonesville, Melinda Lane of Mount Olive, NC and Kimberly Willis of

Bristol, VA; three sisters, June Irvin of Hopewell, VA, Dorothy Hall of Harlan, KY and Margaret Keith of Roanoke, VA; seven grandchildren, Chris Neff, Ashley Neff Byington, Brian Neff, Tracy Neff, Nikki Hines, Tiffany Lane and Andy Goforth; fourteen great-grandchildren, and many special nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 29, 2014 at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Mike Humfleet officiating. The graveside service and interment will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 30, in Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church of Jonesville, P.O. Box 328, Jonesville, VA 24263.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)
146 Maple Drive
P.O. Box 238
Jonesville, VA 24263
(276) 346-1196

Funeral service

SEP **29**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Louise J. Willis

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ Jack Jones lit a candle in memory of Louise J. Willis



Jack Jones - September 09, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ Mrs. Willis was a very caring person. I loved her as a teacher. She will be missed by many people. My family and I will be praying for all the Willis family. Karen (Ray) Ellison.

Karen (Ray) Ellison - October 02, 2014 at 03:01 PM



Thank you Karen.
Kim Willis

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:42 PM



“ I hold fond memories of Louise and the entire family. Prayers that all of you will find comfort and peace in remembering Lou's outstanding life



Jimi RobinetteJones - October 01, 2014 at 12:11 AM

KW

We thank you Jimi.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:43 PM

LP

“ *Kim,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Your mother is now in the arms of our Lord. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace and strength to get you through this sad time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Lisa Phipps



Lisa Phipps - September 29, 2014 at 07:56 PM

KW

Thank you Lisa.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:44 PM

MG

“ *Kim--thinking and praying for you and your family. Your Mother was so kind and gracious. I loved her as my 6th grade English teacher and still cringe when I hear someone saying ain't because she taught us not to say that word. You are in my thoughts!*



Misty Muncy Gilmore - September 29, 2014 at 01:45 PM

KW

Thank you Misty. Yes, saying "ain't" was worse than cussing in my household.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:45 PM

LO

“ Mrs. Willis was such a beautiful person! She was just a wonderful inspiration as to what a good person should be! I have such fond memories of her not only as one of my teachers but also as the mother of my friend and classmate, Kim. God bless the family!



Lisa Sexton Oaks - September 29, 2014 at 07:52 AM

KW

Thank you so much, Lisa.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:46 PM

PT

“ Mrs. Willis, was my 5th grade teacher. I remember her as having so much class. I also remember her compassion for those of us that was less fortunate. I recently got to tell her this through Facebook and I am so glad that I did. She was loved and admired by many and will be missed.

Priscilla Keck Bean Station TN - September 29, 2014 at 07:11 AM

KW

Thank you Priscilla.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:47 PM

BG

“ Pam, So sorry to hear about your Mother. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe, Barbara, and Bonnie Goforth

Barbara Goforth - September 28, 2014 at 11:21 AM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Louise J. Willis.*



September 28, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *Prayers and love to the family of a beautiful lady who loved the Lord.
She touched many lives I am sure and she touched me thru her daughter Pam.
May God's presence be near during the difficult days ahead.*

Susan & Jim Bishop

susan bishop - September 27, 2014 at 08:19 PM



“ *Jill Grizzle Graham lit a candle in memory of Louise J. Willis*



Jill Grizzle Graham - September 27, 2014 at 03:55 PM



Mrs. Willis is one of the reasons I am a middle school teacher today. She broke me from using the word "ain't". Even though I do not teach English, I try to break my students from using it! :) I'll never forget the lessons I learned from her 6th Grade class.

Jill Grizzle Graham - September 27, 2014 at 03:58 PM

KW

Thank you, Jill.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:47 PM

RH

“ *So sorry for your loss...thinking of everyone.
She was a sweet lady.*



Robin Hall - September 27, 2014 at 05:53 AM

KW

Thank you, Robin.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:49 PM

PL

“ *wonderful teacher praying for the family*



Patricia Jones Livesay - September 27, 2014 at 04:02 AM

KW

Thank you, Patricia.

Kim Willis - October 02, 2014 at 08:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Louise J. Willis.



September 26, 2014 at 08:21 PM