



## Ronald Wayne Willis

February 21, 1950 - September 22, 2025

Ronald “Wayne” Willis, age 75, of Jonesville, VA, entered into eternal rest in the presence of God unexpectedly on Monday, September 22, 2025. Wayne was born in Middlesboro, KY on February 21, 1950 to the late Curt and Virginia Willis. In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his sister, Judy Huff.

Wayne was a proud Veteran, serving in the United States Navy aboard the USS Forrestal and held a Bachelor’s Degree from Virginia Intermont College. He was a Mason, a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a member of the Flatwoods United Methodist Church. Wayne was recently nominated as a Kentucky Colonel for his work during the Scotia mine explosions of 1976, with the award expected at the upcoming March 2026 memorial event.

Wayne was a quiet man to most, but those who knew him best were blessed with his quick wit and humor. Wayne’s loyalty to his family, his quiet strength, and his unassuming nature made him a pillar in the lives of those who loved him. He loved to read, and loved to sit on the porch with a good cigar overlooking the river at his favorite place. He held his church family, his shooting buddy, and his river neighbors dear.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 55 years, Peggy, children Jody Hill

(Matthew), Stephanie Elliott (Wallace), and his grandchildren, Mason Sexton (Shaina), Matthew Rogers, Jackson Elliott, and Turner Elliott, and one great grandson, Lucas. He is also survived by his brother Jack Willis (Susan), and several nieces and nephews.

A message this morning from both his daughters' longtime friend sums it up, "The world just became sadder without such a truly kind, soft spoken, wonderful (and sometimes intimidating) gentleman."

The family will receive friends at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville on Wednesday, September 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. with Chandler Goins officiating.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, at Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway. Everyone is asked to meet at the cemetery for services.

Pallbearers will be Wallace Elliott, Matthew Hill, Mason Sexton, Matthew Rogers, Jackson Elliott, Turner Elliott, Travis Willis, and Dink Willis.

The family kindly requests, in lieu of flowers, a donation to the VA-LEE CO chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace at [shpbeds.org](http://shpbeds.org)

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, [www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com). Robinette Funeral Home of Jonesville is serving the Willis family.

# Cemetery Details

## Lee Memorial Gardens

1986 Hickory Cir Rd  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(276) 546-2523

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24**. 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 **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside service

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SEP **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens  
1986 Hickory Cir Rd  
Pennington Gap, VA 24277  
(276) 546-2523

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Peggy, Jody, Stephanie, and family, Steve and I were so sorry to hear about Wayne. With love and sympathy to each of you, Debbie Garrett* ”



Debbie Garrett - September 26, 2025 at 12:58 AM

MJ

“ *Prayers* ”



Melissa K Johnson - September 25, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *Sending hugs to you and your family. Prayers for each of you during this difficult time and the upcoming days ahead. May peace and comfort bestowed in your heart and soul.* ”



Terry Garrett - September 24, 2025 at 04:12 PM

SM

“ *Prayers for healing during this difficult time.* ”



Susan A. Martin - September 24, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TA

“ *Tinker Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis*



Tinker Anderson - September 24, 2025 at 03:51 PM

WM

“ *Wilma W. McNew lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis*



Wilma W. McNew - September 24, 2025 at 12:52 PM

WM

*Peggy, so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.*

Wilma W. McNew - September 24, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ *Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Ronald Wayne Willis.*



September 24, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SN

“ *Scott & Robin Napier*



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**Scott & Robin Napier** - September 24, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald Wayne Willis.*



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September 24, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Wayne Willis.*

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September 24, 2025 at 09:42 AM

BC

“ *Many prayers to the family. Thinking of you all in this difficult time. God bless.*

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**Brett & Karen Clark** - September 24, 2025 at 09:29 AM

PC

“ Prayers with you. ~Julie Clendenen purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ronald Wayne Willis.



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**Prayers with you. ~Julie Clendenen** - September 24, 2025 at 09:07 AM

PC

“ Prayers with you. ~Julie Clendenen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Wayne Willis.

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**Prayers with you. ~Julie Clendenen** - September 24, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald Wayne Willis.



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September 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Wayne Willis.

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September 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you Peggy and your entire family. Wayne was always a kind and caring friend to all. Jeannie Ingle Garber.

jeannie Garber - September 24, 2025 at 07:42 AM

KD

“ Keith And Patty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis



Keith and Patty Davidson - September 24, 2025 at 07:12 AM

CC

“ Praying for the family and friends, Bill & Cindy Collins



Cindy Collins - September 23, 2025 at 10:37 PM

TC

“ Tony & Tonya Morelock And Carli lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis



Tony & Tonya Morelock and Carli - September 23, 2025 at 09:12 PM

SW

“ *Susan Bartley Widener lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis*



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**Susan Bartley Widener** - September 23, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MC

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort now and in the days ahead.*



*Mike & Patty Clark*

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**Mike & Patty Clark** - September 23, 2025 at 06:25 PM

LL

“ *So sad to hear of Wayne's passing. Sending prayers for healing and comfort.*



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**Linda Lewis** - September 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM

BB

“ *Peggy, Jody, Stephanie and all the family Jim and I are so sorry to hear about Wayne! Sending love and prayers. Jim and Brenda Byington*

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**Brenda Byington** - September 23, 2025 at 05:02 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Ridings lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis*



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**Teresa Ridings** - September 23, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DP

“ *We are saddened to learn of the passing of this fine man. Msy God give you peace and understanding in the days ahead*



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**Doris and Larry Presley** - September 23, 2025 at 01:50 PM

EW

“ *Dear Peggy, Jody, Stephanie and family. Jim and I are truly sorry for your sudden loss. We send sympathy and condolences.*



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**Ernestine and Jim Wright** - September 23, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JS

“ *Peggy I'm so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Judy Shoemaker** - September 23, 2025 at 01:04 PM

DK

“ *Peggy and Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing.  
Keeping you and the family in our thoughts  
and prayers.*

*Dianne and Gary Kiser*

**Dianne Kiser** - September 23, 2025 at 10:42 AM



WT

“ *Wayde Travis lit a candle in memory of  
Ronald Wayne Willis*

**Wayde Travis** - September 23, 2025 at 04:41 AM



WT

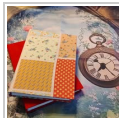
*I'm saddened at the news of Wayne's passing. I had the pleasure or  
knowing and working closely with Wayne for many years at Powell  
Mountain Coal Company. Prayers for all of Wayne's family.*

**Wayde Travis** - September 23, 2025 at 04:44 AM

SC

*Peggy, Jody and Stephanie, we are so sorry to hear the sad news of  
Wayne's passing. Sharon Clendenen and family*

**Sharon Clendenen** - September 24, 2025 at 03:19 AM



*Sending Love and Prayers to you Peggy and Family.*

**Shannon Johnson** - September 24, 2025 at 08:24 AM

PS

“ *Phyllis & Chuck Shackelford lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wayne Willis*



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**Phyllis & Chuck Shackelford** - September 22, 2025 at 10:51 PM

AR

*Peggy, we're praying for God to comfort you and the family at this difficult time. Praying for courage and peace to carry you in the path ahead.* 🙏❤️

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**Audrey and Linda (Newman) Ramey** - September 25, 2025 at 01:26 PM