



George W. Willis Sr.

April 25, 1941 - November 17, 2025

George W. Willis Sr., 84, of Parker, passed away on November 17, 2025, at UPMC Shadyside Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Born April 25, 1941, in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was the son of the late Lloyd Willis and Daisy Gaines.

George retired from the former Koppers Chemical in Petrolia after 27 years of dedicated service as a Chemical Operator in the Flaker House. A true sports enthusiast, he was a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved playing baseball, tennis, and golf as well as billiards and bowling. He also enjoyed the outdoors—hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening brought him great joy throughout his life.

George is survived by his lovely wife of 62 years, Dierda June Willis, and his three devoted children. Son, George Willis Jr. of Emlenton, PA; and his daughters, Deborah (Duane) Henderson of Marion, OH, and Mary Willis of Fayetteville, NC. He was the proud grandfather of Josh Norris, George Willis III, Michael Henderson, and Jordan Henderson, and the great-grandfather of his beloved great-grandchildren, Taven Norris, Gavin Norris, Elena Norris, Melody Norris, Cameron Norris, and Zee Berthe.

He is also survived by two sisters, Dot Wilson of Pittsburgh, PA, and Jean Stephens of Oakland, CA.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his brothers, Pete

Willis and Joe Willis, and his sisters Fan Young, Jane Stewart, Marva Gray and Marion Crosby.

God was ready for another cultivator, so he picked George, our beloved gardener, home.

Friends will be received at the H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home in Parker (201 S. Wayne Ave) on Saturday, November 22, from 11am-2pm. A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 2pm, with Pastor Brian Snyder and Bonnie Hile of the Six Points Church of God of Prophecy officiating. Interment will follow at the Parker Presbyterian Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Parker Presbyterian

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Parker
201 S. Wayne Street
PO Box 21
Parker, PA 16049
(724) 791-2484

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Mr George Willis, raised me and taught me how to be a man. He was my mentor and the reason for my success in my Military career in the US Army and US Navy, I remember the things that he taught me. I thank God for Brother George Willis. Rest in peace 🙏 .
Shalom Anthony Hampton.

Anthony Hampton - December 15, 2025 at 05:33 PM

DG

“ Camped beside George and De a number of times in Florida. We enjoyed his company and shared many laughs and meals together. Greatly missed by his Canadian Friends. Dave and Louise Gagnon

David Gagnon - December 03, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JG

“ To Dierda and to all the family I mourn with you at this time. George was my patient and I was his doctor. That somehow got lost on both of us at the time of the visit when we got to talking about everything. These were times that I remember well. I remember mostly how we laughed much more than we talked. We had a bond that went far beyond just an office visit. George was a good man.

*My heartfelt condolences especially to Diedra who I just loved to see. Everything in the office lightened up when she came through the door. The moment she entered it became a red letter day.
Dr. Joseph Gent MD*

Joseph A Gent - November 22, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *John Barty lit a candle in memory of George W. Willis Sr.*



John Barty - November 21, 2025 at 09:23 AM

KC

“ *i used to babysit his grandchildren and live beaise jim. in the yellow house always spent time at his house*

krista catl - November 20, 2025 at 04:49 PM