



Mr. Ernest Cleveland Willis

November 20, 1938 - June 18, 2022

Mr. Ernest Cleveland Willis, 83, of Sylvester, died on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Phoebe Worth Medical Center.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 20, 2022 at Pine Forest Baptist Church, interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. The Rev. Trey Brown, and Dr. David Benton will officiate.

Mr. Willis was born on November 20, 1938 in Worth County, to the late William Cleveland and Jewel Mayo Willis. He had lived in Worth County all of his life and was a veteran, having served in the United States Army. Mr. Willis was retired from the Lee County Board Of Commissioners, where he worked as the Building Inspector. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren. Mr. Willis was a member of Pine Forest Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lavonne Bearden Willis of Sylvester; children, Sandy Smith (Tim) of Coffee Springs, AL., and Shannon Willis (Julie) of Sylvester; grandchildren, Dr. Morgan Smith Greene (Kevin), Taylor Smith, Jesse Collins (Lauren), Journee Collins and Gracie Willis; great grandchild, Hudson Greene; sisters, Anne Welch and Latrelle Glover all of Sylvester.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Willis was preceded in death by his brothers, Bill Willis and Bobby Willis; brothers-in-law, Randall Glover, and Buddy Welch.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pine Forest Baptist Church
601 Pine Forest RD
Sumner, GA 31789

Burial

JUN **20** (ET)

Pine Forest Cemetery
601 Pine Forest Rd.
Sumner, GA 31789

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ernest Cleveland Willis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this 🙏 prayers for all of your family ! Donna and Davis King*

Donna M king - June 25, 2022 at 03:52 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss of Earnest. He and I and and from my memory, three other 23 year old's, reported to the Draft Board in Sylvester on December 13, 1961. We traveled to Jacksonville, FL where on December 14, 1961 we were inducted into the Army. We then went to Fort Jackson, SC for basic training. He and I were both in the 4th Platoon and our unit was B-6-2. I remember him as a very kind and considerate young man. My thoughts and prayers for all your family at this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

*Carl E. Stone
Major, TC, US Army (Retired)
cestone@me.com*

Carl E Stone - June 23, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Cleveland Willis*



Tony Senkbeil - June 21, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss!*

Dianne - June 19, 2022 at 09:41 PM



“ *Sending condolences, praying for ypur family*

Jacky clayton - June 19, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest Cleveland Willis*



Carol York - June 19, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *We share our condolences with the family we all know he knows more about God than we all have learned all our lives right now. God is good and so was Earnest.*

Mr & Mrs Ralph Mitchell Kirkpatrick - June 18, 2022 at 09:15 PM

BA

“ *Earnest was a fine fellow and friend. Always willing to help out at church while he was able. I will miss this this kind and humble man. God is merciful.*

Bill and Tenee Acord - June 18, 2022 at 04:28 PM

PK

“ *Earnest was so kind to me when James passed I will never forget that and the hospitality at they're home on the Fourth of July 2001 to Bobby and I
Enjoy your wonderful new life in Heaven Earnest we will all see you soon.
You will be so missed and You were Much loved.*

*Pam & WL Kitchens
Bobby Nolan*

Pamela Kitchens - June 18, 2022 at 03:19 PM