



Michael Edwin Willis

January 1, 1948 - December 8, 2020

Michael Willis, 72, of Sopchoppy, passed away at his home on December 8, 2020. Mike was a life-long resident of Sopchoppy, where he graduated from Sopchoppy High School, then joined the United States Air Force, where he served as a Staff Sergeant for 8 years. During his 8 years in the Air Force he worked as a Fireman and in Air Craft Rescue. Upon returning home he was employed and then retired from the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department. Mike enjoyed fishing, going to the Theme Parks in Orlando and loved his grandchildren and the time they spent together.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years Annette Willis, children Shannon Michael Willis (Ashley) & Amy Yvonne Willis, 3 step children Julia Cooper Gibson (Greg), Claude Gary Cooper & Kelly Kathleen Blankenship (Joshua), sisters Beverly Ann Gray (Tyler) & Theresa Ann Yates, 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Predeceased by his daughter Jolynn Willis.

Funeral Service will be Saturday, December 12, 2020, 1:00 pm at the Simmons Cemetery in Sopchoppy, with burial to follow. Full Military Honors will be presented.

Donations may be made to Covenant Hospice 850-575-4998; 1921 Capital Circle NE Tallahassee, Florida 32308; choosecovenant.org

Skip & Trey Young with Family Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Simmons Cemetery

Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



A - November 29, 2021 at 01:05 AM

AW

“ Thank you Mike for everything you have always been. You could never know how much your family loved you. I am having a difficult time realizing that this is real and as much as I have always talked, I don't have any words to describe how much I love you and always will.

Annette Willis - December 17, 2020 at 10:28 AM

SJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

S.Jacobs, Crawfordville,Fl

Sherry Jacobs - December 10, 2020 at 06:46 AM

AW

Thank you so very much.

Annette Willis - December 17, 2020 at 10:23 AM

AW

It's April. Our Anniversary month. I still cannot believe you are gone. Every day I look at your picture and hurt so bad. I keep trying to convince myself that you are happy and no longer suffering and everything is beautiful for you. You suffered so horribly the last two years of your life and held up to being so fragile with so much strength of character, always trying not to be a burden, and endured like I will never believe another man could. It was a blessing that Whitney Michael and I were able to hold you and be with you as you drew your last breath - yet it was a curse because we could do nothing and neither of us can erase that picture from our hearts. The nursing staff that was there to console us during that process was stunned at how bravely you faced death, especially remaining conscious until your last breath when life left your body; trying to assure us it was okay. Whitney Michael so adores you, as do I. She was not stunned at your strength, because you were her hero, the "man of all men", second only to Christ, who, in her eyes, could endure and overcome anything. She and I completely broke down after they took you away. We tried so hard to be strong for you, though you did not show any fear. You faced the inevitable with such strength, dignity and beauty. Absolutely no one but those of us that were with you during those last hours will or could ever know how strong of a man you are. I love you so very much. Happy Anniversary in Heaven.

Annette Willis - April 18, 2021 at 05:09 PM

AN

Mike, I miss you. Thanksgiving was difficult although the kids tried to keep the day so busy and happy. Now, it is coming up on December 8th again, I don't even know what to call that day. Then there will be Christmas, your favorite day of the year. Then there will be another new year and your birthday. Each of these days are going to be hard. I really am tired Mike. People have said the first year is the most difficult. I have no idea because I have never been through something like this before. I do know that there will never be another day in my life that I don't grieve for you. You will always be my other half. I love you.

Annette - November 29, 2021 at 12:59 AM

AN

I miss you so bad.

Annette - December 09, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edwin Willis.*



December 09, 2020 at 04:34 PM

CE

“ *CenturionFL purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Michael Edwin Willis.*



CenturionFL - December 09, 2020 at 02:42 PM

DC

“ *So sorry for the family’s loss. Mike was a good man. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Donna Chatham - December 09, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Edwin Willis.*



December 09, 2020 at 01:07 PM