



## Arlie Louis Willis

August 13, 1934 - July 24, 2016

LUBBOCK – Arlie Louis Willis, 81, went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2016 after a brief illness. Services will be held at Trinity Church in Lubbock on Wednesday at 10 a.m. under the direction of Sawnders Funeral Home, he will then be interred at the Lubbock Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday at Sanders Funeral Home.

Arlie was born at the Kiowa Indian Hospital in Lawton, OK on August 13, 1934 to Ben and Grace Willis. Arlie married Leona Graves of Lockney, Texas on February 18, 1956 and lived a long happy life together of 60 years.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, Arlie became a State Tax Auditor for the State of Texas until his retirement in 1992. After his retirement Arlie graduated with Honors from Texas Tech University in 2001. Arlie was a prolific writer of poetry and short stories, and enjoyed a hobby of brick building and tinkering in the garage.

Arlie was preceded in Death by his parents, and sisters Anna Lou Reynolds and Clydene Brown both of Oklahoma. He is survived by his Loving wife Leona; Daughters Rebecca Wilson (Teddy) of Tyler, DeLaurie Mize (Tim) of Lubbock and Sarah Rodriguez of San Antonio; 6 grand-children, 7 great grand-children with 3 more expected.

Arlie was a proud Elder, Veteran and Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation; a member of the Yellow House Masonic Lodge and attended Trinity Church Prime Timers. Arlie will be greatly missed by numerous friends, family and colleagues.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **26.** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUL **27.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Church  
7002 Canton Ave  
Lubbock, TX 79413  
<http://www.trinitytoday.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.*



July 27, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.*



July 26, 2016 at 11:25 PM

MW

“ *Condolences from Mickey Willis and family. My grandad was Clayton Willis. Love to the family.*

**Mickey Willis** - July 26, 2016 at 07:19 PM

GF

“ *Glen, Tina and Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.*



**Glen, Tina and Family** - July 26, 2016 at 02:36 PM

FF

“ *Faith Assembly of God, Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.*



**Faith Assembly of God, Church Family** - July 26, 2016 at 12:50 PM

MR

“ Maximino, Sharrel and Brittany Rodriguez purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.



Maximino, Sharrel and Brittany Rodriguez - July 26, 2016 at 12:15 PM

DS

“ Dee Smith purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.



Dee Smith - July 26, 2016 at 11:28 AM

BR

“ Ben Robinson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.



Ben Robinson - July 26, 2016 at 09:23 AM

BR

“ I have not seen Mr. Willis in some time but I remember him well. He was a great father and strong family man. Family was very important to him. Of course he wasn't a perfect man, but I saw many honorable characteristics I hoped for in my own dad. In fact, living in Lubbock so far from my family, the Willis' became a surrogate family. I enjoyed time with he, Mrs. Willis, Sarah and the family. Mr. Willis stayed the course and provided a firm foundation for his family. He provided me with a great example of what a father and husband should be. My family was in turmoil at that time, and he also welcomed me into his family. It was a season I always appreciated in my life as I was finding my way back to Christ. I know I will see him again and we'll have to catch up!

Ben Robinson - July 26, 2016 at 08:24 AM

SH

“ We will miss you our friend. Love to all the family who have been so kind and treated us as though we belonged. We will miss your smile, stories, and beans. Your were a master bean cooker! Thank you for all the good memories! Steve, Sherry, and Ana Hill

Sherry Hill - July 26, 2016 at 05:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.



July 25, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arlie Louis Willis.



July 25, 2016 at 06:50 PM