



Willis Tyson

October 26, 1932 - June 19, 2016

Willis Tyson, 83, of Lubbock, died at home on June 19, 2016, after a lengthy battle with cancer. A visitation will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 6 to 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 23, 2016, 10 a.m. at Sanders Memorial Chapel and burial will follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park with the honor guard of the Lubbock Fire Department.

He was born October 26, 1932 to Barney and Martha Tyson in Poolville, Texas. Willis was married to Patsy Joann Smith in Lovington, NM on August 7, 1954. They were married for 62 years. Willis was employed by the City of Lubbock Fire Department for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife Patsy, son Mike Tyson and his wife Dollie of Lubbock, one daughter Jo Tyson of Lubbock, grandchildren, Sarah, Tanner Tyson and Michael Shawn; 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Barney and Martha Tyson, 5 sisters and 3 brothers.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center of Lubbock.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

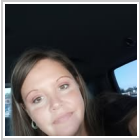
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Tribute Wall

KT

“ *Jo, I pray that God with give you comfort and peace during this time. You are such a special person and I am sure that your Dad loved you so very much. Please know that I will be thinking about you tomorrow and days to come. Love you, Karen Turner*

Karen Turner - June 22, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ *Aunt Pat , Jo& Mike,
I'm sorry for your loss and also sorry I can't be there. I have very fond memories of uncle Woody. The time we all shared at your house and Nana's house will never be forgotten. God Bless. Pray for me and mine as I for you and yours.
Love,
Ashley,Pep,Loren,& Kenzee Farris-Talamantez*

Ashley Farris - June 22, 2016 at 06:55 PM

CK

“ *This wonderful man was my Uncle. He and Aunt Pat helped raise myself and my two sisters after our Mother passed away. I will forever remember and love Uncle Willis.*

Carolyn Keeton - June 22, 2016 at 11:52 AM

RA

“ Aunt Pat, Jo & Mike I am so sorry for your loss, but I know he is no longer in pain. I remember going to see him at the Firestation off 50th street. When he saw me and called me Tinker it made me feel so happy. When the firemen called me Tinker, Uncle Woody told them they had to call me Rita because he was the only one to call me Tinker. I'm sorry I won't be able to be there, but my love & and thoughts are with everyone.

Rita Austin - June 21, 2016 at 11:09 PM

SB

“ Uncle Willis was my mother's youngest brother. She was responsible for a good deal of his upbringing when Grandma was sick. I remember when he returned from the war and bought a motorcycle. Grandma and Grandpa lived down the block from us. Much to my mother's disapproval, he put me on the back of his bike and took me to Grandma's house. He also gave me a piggy bank and put a 1919 penny in it. We had many years of coin collection after that. I still have that bank and that penny. He was always fun to be around, and when he introduced Aunt Pat to our family, she fit in perfectly. My health has curtailed my travel but I will continually remember how important he was to me and my kids and how much I loved him.

Sharon Bradley - June 21, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willis Tyson.



June 21, 2016 at 09:25 AM

CD

“ *To Aunt Pat and to the family of Uncle Willis: I will always have fond memories of Uncle Willis. My deepest condolences. Curtis Dickson*

Curtis Dickson - June 20, 2016 at 10:22 PM