



James Willis

September 10, 1924 - March 30, 2011

James H. Willis, age 86, of Evansville, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at Deaconess Hospital.

Jim had worked as a sheet metal worker for 43 years and was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Local #20. He spent many years working for Industrial Contractors. Jim was a member of Salem Church of Darmstadt. He was a member of the Cynthiana Masonic Lodge #710, where he was the Master in 1991 and 1992, the Hadi Shrine, where he served as Captain of the Hospital staff in 1993 and the Scottish Rite. Jim was crowned a 33rd Degree Mason in Milwaukee, WI on September 21, 2004. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving during WWII and had also been a member of the Foothills Lake Conservation Club, Evansville Athletic Club and was a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving Jim are his wife, Norma Willis; two sons, Michael Willis of Livonia, MI and Brian (Erin) Willis of Ft. Branch, IN; a stepdaughter, Sheila (Tom) Benthall of Henderson, KY; a stepson, Allen Beliles of Evansville, two grandchildren, Tanner and Cooper Willis; step grandchildren, Lori (Dale) Peter, Andrea (Dave) Jeffreys, Valerie Beliles, Amy Meijer, Maria Campbell and Lauren Yockey and step great grandchildren, Lain Taleno, Christopher Peter, Hailey and Nolan Jeffreys.

Mr. Willis was preceded in death by his first wife, Marie Frances (Schaefer) Willis; his parents, Herbert and Ruby Grace Willis and stepmother, Hazel Willis.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Salem Church of Darmstadt, Pastor David Peterson officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 8:00 Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a Masonic service and walk through at 7:00 P.M. Friends may also visit from 10:00 A.M. until service time on Friday at Salem Church of Darmstadt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner Children's Hospital Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Church of Darmstadt
14314 Darmstadt Road
Evansville, IN

Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Church of Darmstadt
14314 Darmstadt Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Willis



Pierre Funeral Home - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ James Willis

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



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February 06, 2012 at 10:01 PM



“ Norma:

I'm sorry we weren't able to attend the services for Jim. We were unaware until it was too late. We were just talking about you two early last week and wondering where you were living. We was talking about Roger always calling you mom and dad at the square dances. Also about how we all went to the Indiana Square Dance Nationals in 1986 and had such a good time. Everytime we went out to eat, everyone would have their order and they'd have Jim's messed up and very late. Those were good times.

We will be thinking about you and your family, and as you know, if there's anything we can do for you, just call. We are in the same place with the same phone number.

We have lost a very wonderful and giving man. He will be missed. Take care of yourself.

Roger and Bonnie###imported-begin##Roger and Bonnie Koester###imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 11:50 PM



“ Norma,

We are so sorry to hear about Jim. Shirley called last evening, but it was too late to come over. I wanted you to know you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Remember all the good times we had together. Stay strong and stay in touch.

Marge & Norm###imported-begin##Norm & Marge Bridwell###imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 08:40 AM



“ Dear Norma and family,

Our deepest sympathies on the loss of a wonderful man. I know how much my grandparents, Dorothy and George Charlton, loved having you as dear friends. I know they are in heaven welcoming Jim with open loving arms. May you find peace in your beautiful memories.

Much love,

Kristen (Broyles) Fiore (and family)

Kenny and Jeanne Broyles

Kristen Fiore

March 31, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Team RadioShack 6973 Commerce, MI

March 31, 2011 at 08:55 AM



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March 30, 2011 at 05:10 PM