



## Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.

April 21, 1952 - May 18, 2025

Ed June Willis, Sr. was born to the late Stonewall Willis and Elizabeth Shell Willis in Round Pond, Arkansas on April 21, 1952.

At an early age, Ed confessed his hope in Christ and was baptized at Redeeming Christian Spiritual Church #24 under the leadership of Mother Anna Davis. He later united with Widener Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he served faithfully under the leadership of Pastor Wesley B. Cox. He remained a devoted member until his passing, under the current leadership of Pastor Rodney Burgess.

Ed was a proud graduate of Lincoln High School, Class of 1970, where he was known as an avid basketball player. Following high school, he pursued vocational training for two years with a focus on welding. Throughout his career, he held various jobs across Saint Francis County, Arkansas, Hot Springs, AR, and Chicago, IL, ultimately retiring in Stockton, CA. After retirement, he returned to his beloved hometown of Widener, Arkansas.

Ed was known for his kind and generous spirit. He never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand. His passion for yard work earned him the reputation as the area landscaper—many sought his help for their lawns and gardens. He also enjoyed traveling, listening to music, and attending church services.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Stonewall Willis, Sr. and Elizabeth Shell Willis; sisters, Eleanor Allen, Fannie Mae Shell Thompson, and Gillie Bell Oliver Hearn; and three brothers, JB Wilson, Frank Willis, and Barry Harris; and two grandchildren, Anthony Carter and Andre Carter.

He leaves to cherish his memory five children: Leslie Michelle Clark of Bixby, OK, Lashawn (Antonio) Renee Willis of Waterloo, IA, Erica Willis of Denton, TX, Edrick Willis of Stockton, CA, and Ed Willis, Jr. of Forrest City, AR; a host of grandchildren; sisters, Dr. Elnora Evelyn Williams (Nat Lewis), Joyce Wilson Jones, Lillie Brooks, Linda Wilson, and Mary Wilson all of Forrest City, AR; brothers, Stonewall Willis, Jr. of Chicago, IL, Curtis Bernard Willis of Widener, AR, Maurice (April) Harris of Wynne, AR, Courtney (Sharon) Wilson of Widener, AR, and John H. (Chasity) Wilson, Jr. of Forrest City, AR; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest City Cemetery

1399 Fletcher Road  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 23.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Service

**MAY 24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
331 Martin Luther King Drive  
Madison , AR 72359

*The family will line up at 538 Trenton Road, Forrest City, AR 72335 on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 01:30 PM*

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lovie Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.*



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**Lovie Hardrick** - May 25, 2025 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ *My sincere condolences to my Friend and classmate Ed June... we will miss him at our next reunion. He was well loved by all of our classmates. He will be truly missed. Rest until we meet again. RIP&L!*  
*Chet Hancock, Pearland Texas*



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**Chester A Hancock** - May 20, 2025 at 11:04 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Spearmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.*



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**Jeanette Spearmon** - May 20, 2025 at 07:10 PM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.



Shirley Williams Thorn - May 20, 2025 at 04:38 PM

RW

“ Prayers and Condolences to the family of Mr. Ed June Williams. That smile will be missed.



Rene' Ward - May 20, 2025 at 03:22 PM

RW

Prayers and Condolences to the family of Mr. Ed June Willis. That smile will be missed.

Rene' Ward - May 20, 2025 at 03:24 PM

IM

“ Irene Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.



Irene moore - May 20, 2025 at 05:32 AM

KL

“ Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.



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**Katherine Lyons** - May 19, 2025 at 05:57 PM

DM

“ A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



*Sending condolences to the family of Ed June Willis on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Ed was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1970.”*

*Delores Farr Morelon  
President, MGNAAI*

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**Delores Morelon - MGNAAI** - May 19, 2025 at 04:47 PM

JW

*Condolences to Evelyn and the entire Family of Ed June Willis  
From the Wofford Family.*

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**janice wofford** - May 20, 2025 at 10:12 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ed June Willis, Sr.*



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**Bonnie Watson** - May 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JT

“ *Condolences to Mr. ED Willis Family*

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**Jerry Thomas** - May 19, 2025 at 04:35 PM