



Barbara Marie Willis

April 22, 1947 - May 27, 2020

Barbara Marie Willis, 73, of Lancaster, TX. was called home and embraced by her lord and savior on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, surrounded by family at her home. She was born on April 22, 1947 in Los Angeles, CA to Don and Mary (St. John) Cochran. She married Benny Willis November 13, 1964; they have been married for 56 beautiful years.

Barbara loved life and many aspects of it. She loved to shop, both cooking and going out to eat, casinos, and her dogs. She also enjoyed gospel music and movies, especially scary movies and Coal Miner's Daughter, which brought her a lot of joy regularly the last few weeks. More than any of these, she loved her family and her grandbabies most. Barbara was a simple woman who was devoted to all and would give the clothes off of her back if anyone needed them.

She is survived by her loving husband, Benny M. Willis; her son, Ricky Willis and wife Dawn; her daughter, Wendy Willis and husband Eric Montgomery; her son, Dennie M. Willis; her grandchildren, Tyler Willis, Haileigh Willis and Dalton Irby, Brandon Willis, Ivree Montgomery, Xalin Montgomery, Nexen Montgomery, Jerni Montgomery; her great-grandson, Hudson Wayne Irby; and her sister, Leatha Holloway.

Family will receive friends from 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Monday, June 1, 2020 at

Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. Celebration of Life will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 also at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. Followed by interment at Red Oak Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Red Oak Cemetery

700 South Central Blvd.
Red Oak, TX 75154

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Byrum Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Mom.....

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When I experienced life's troubles you listened without judgement, when I began to fall medically ill the past few years myself....you reassured me, you lifted my spirits, clearly understood my pains and my fears of what might come to be as a result..... You were always there pushing me along..... You reassured me that I would get through each situation as these difficulties shall pass just give it some time and keep praying.....

I am so PROUD of you and I want you to know that you did an AMAZING job as a MOM and my FRIEND.....I am so very THANKFUL that you raised me up with love and patience while being a great example.... You taught me good manners with strong morals and values to embark upon my own life's journey as I raise my children as well....

Mom you had this special wit about you that always seemed to keep Daddy in line....As you wore so many hats as most Mom's do over their lifetime..... You never complained about your duties that each hat brought.... You just simply placed them on and moved right about..... When you had some down time or a quick moment you could take..... You loved to shop and go out to eat to simply take a break.... We both know that Daddy has never been a spender or a

shopper.....He would quickly prefer to bust out a can of Pork-And-Beans, a few slices of bread and a fresh cut onion to fill his stomach full and quietly head to bed.....

The years moved forward and your medical illnesses made your shopping sprees too difficult for you to carryout.....I know silently Daddy was sure thinking to himself he would be able to save some money since you were no longer going out..... You gave NO hints as you softly sat with a smile upon your face because he did not know what QVC or HSN was all about..... You were so quick to call in a order or two or three all on the same day you see..... You were so filled with joy to get what you wanted as you patiently shopped from your comfortable recliner during the buying spree you deeply cared about.....A few days would pass and the packages would all begin to slowly trickle in arriving for Daddy to carry in.....He would moan and groan dropping his head, often shaking it a time or two as his ears and face quickly turned red in which you were accustomed to.....He would start to ask about your purchases once again but with your soothing words and magic charm that only you contained, he was quickly silenced and slowly put them away.....

I sit here and chuckle wearing a big smile because Mom I know there are still a few boxes in your back room in a pile.....Daddy wore so many working hats over the years but an inventory clerk was not one.....which may explain why there are so many of those boxes still waiting to be undone.....

Mom, I know you loved Daddy and Daddy loved you so deeply and it showed so clearly in your hearts over the 56 years in which you were never apart.....

MOM as I close this letter, I want you to know, the ONE thing that I find the GREATEST comfort in at this time is knowing that YOU personally accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior and because of THAT GIFT and your FAITH alone in CHRIST alone will allow me to see you again when I too am called home....

Until I see you again MOM, please know that I LOVE YOU and YOU ARE DEEPLY MISSED by me!

*Love,
Your Daughter Wendy*

To Mom, Love Wendy - June 04, 2020 at 09:14 PM

TG

“ Nana,

There are so many memories we remember from the love you shared with us, it was bright and beautiful and we could never get enough.

We remember the days where you would watch the movie “Spirit” with Ivree 100 times a day while our parents were away. You and her would sing “get off of my back” as she raced down the hall with the Spirit stick horse, and you’d laugh.

Ivree still lights the Angel you got her on her nightstand and wears the ring you gifted her on her hand. She also hasn’t forgotten the time when Papa fed her “rocks” from the chunky peanut butter and you gave him a talkin’-to like no other! And if a disagreement was underway, an index finger in the shape of a hook followed by “stick it in your ear Willis” is what you’d say.

Xalin and Nexen still hang Papa’s hand-built antlers high, which is exactly where you told them to always hold their heads. And those rides on Papa’s four wheeler with a belt around our waist proved to be a better place to fall asleep than our own beds.

We thank you for not only being the best Nana we could ever have but for holding two other prestigious awards, the best grilled cheese maker and the best hug giver in the whole wide world.

And even though you loved to eat out with us at Luby’s, Cracker Barrel and Texas Roadhouse, no matter how many steaks you ordered or how many rolls we consumed, nothing compared to your grilled cheese’s! So serve them up in Heaven because one day we’ll be in line again just like we once did at your house.

We also thank you for being so gracious around the times of Christmas and our birthdays by gifting us with the things we wanted

in which we will cherish always. Jerni still plays with the toys you helped us get and 18 years later she looks more and more like Ivree every time she rides Spirit.

You always believed that a good education could pave the way to a better future and well, we're proud to say that we've taken after mom in that category and it's because you inspired her that what you've said couldn't be truer.

The way you've sprinkled your love, your guidance and your compassion over us and everyone you meet, is something we will always treasure and is something that has always made us feel complete.

Oh the pictures and the memories we've gathered and the bond we've shared, we were honored to know that you always cared.

The heavens may have gained an angel but the one on Ivree's nightstand will stay, the boys will continue doing well in sports making the best plays, and after all, you'll now have the best seat in the house at every game. Jerni will now sing "get off of my back" and please save us a hug and a seat at your table, just know we love you back!

Nana, just know you will be dearly missed by so many not just this family of 6. We'll take care of Papa so please don't worry, he's still ready to go to the store and get smooth peanut butter in a hurry.

And if you could as you watch over us, catch the kisses we blow to you because again the rays of love you gave we could never get enough! The family reunions and our trips to Madisonville may not be the same without you, but we won't "cry because it's over, we will smile because it happened."

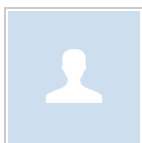
We are all so glad you're healed and running free, because being a Child of God is the biggest blessing indeed. You were a great wife, mother, person, provider and gift to all the people you met along the

way, so on behalf of all of us please enjoy your stay!

We will never forget you just like we're sure you'll never forget us nor our childhood song from Barney. "I love you, you love me, we're a happy family, with a great big hug and a kiss from me to you, won't you say you love me too?" Forever loved and we know you're probably saying "I love you more baby" actually Nana, we love you more. Let your big spirit eternally and freely roam.

*Until we get to laugh, ride, sing, watch movies and eat again;
Love your grandkids: Ivree, Xalin, Nexen and Jerni.*

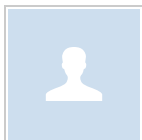
The Grandkids - June 04, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.*



June 01, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.*



June 01, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.



June 01, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Byrum Funeral Home - June 01, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Byrum Funeral Home - June 01, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.



June 01, 2020 at 09:45 AM

YW

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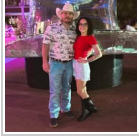
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*Love,
Your Daughter....Wendy*

Your Daughter Wendy - May 31, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Memaw I love you so much, and I miss you so much already it hurts! I know you are rejoicing with the lord and are pain free now. I cannot wait to see you again someday.*

Haileigh Willis - May 31, 2020 at 02:07 AM

DW

She loved you kids so much

Dawn Willis - May 31, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.*



May 30, 2020 at 05:45 PM

BW

“ *Dear Sweet Willis Family ,
My Heart is with y'all . Prayers to The Lord for
Strength and Comfort. May you all feel HIS
loving Arms around you. Our Sweet Barbara
as Her Wings and is in HIS arms too. With No
Pain and all Healed . Love you all and We will see her again in
Glory. See you Monday Night.
Aunt Beverly With me all the time in Heaven Uncle Dugan & Coz
Terry I know they Greeted Barbara*



Beverly G Williamson - May 30, 2020 at 11:59 AM

RB

“ *Rest In Peace, Aunt Bobbie
We Love You
Robert and Traci*



Robert/Traci Beathard - May 29, 2020 at 08:04 PM

EH

“ *Elaine P. Harris lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Marie Willis*



Elaine P. Harris - May 29, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Barbara Marie Willis.*



May 29, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for
the family of Barbara Marie Willis.*



May 29, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Red Rose Sanctuary Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.*



May 29, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Aunt Barbara was a beautiful lady inside and out she was very loving and caring, she will be missed. She always had away of making everyone feel good about themselves, she always made everyone smile and laugh she had a good heart. She will be missed very much. Love you Aunt Barbara.*

Brenda Hammons - May 29, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Marie Willis.*



May 29, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *You were a lovely lady. I remember so much time I spent with you and Uncle Benny when I was a little girl. You will be missed very much.*

crystal mardant - May 29, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DW

“ You will always be in our hearts ❤️. We love you so much mom. Spread your wings and fly.



Dawn Willis - May 29, 2020 at 05:17 PM