



## Charles L. Willis

December 13, 1930 - January 31, 2011

CHARLES LEE WILLIS, was born on December 13, 1930 to the late Harriet Peterson Willis and Charlie Mae Willis in Alberta, Virginia. He departed this life at home on January 31, 2011.

Charles was the oldest of nine biological children born to Harriet and Charles Mae Willis: Annie W. Grant of Norfolk, Virginia, William Russel Willis of Alberta, Virginia, Mae Louis Trotter of Detroit, Michigan, George M. Willis of Alberta, Virginia, Bernice W. Miller (deceased), Bobby Eugene Willis of Orangeburg, South Carolina, Eunice W. Gilbert (deceased) and Tracy W. Christopher of Alberta, Virginia. Other sibling include three older siblings from his father's previous marriage: Lilly W. Presley (deceased), John Edward Willis of Warfield, Virginia and Jent Willis; as well as two adopted siblings: James Earl William(deceased) and Randolph E. William (deceased).

Charles was educated in the Brunswick County School System in Virginia. He joined the United States Army at age twenty, serving a tour of duty in Germany where he was awarded an Occupational Medal and promoted to the rank of Corporal before being honorably discharged on April 28, 1953. He re-enlisted three months later, served a second tour of duty in Germany, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged on June 24, 1955.

Upon his discharge from the Army, Charles worked for Brunswick Lumber Company in Alberta, Virginia. He relocated to Baltimore, Maryland in the 1960's. It was in Baltimore where he courted and later married Gladys G. Christian (deceased). To this union four children were born: Vanessa Harriet (deceased), Marcella Yvette, Stacey Leslie and Rodney Dwayne. Charles was employed with various trucking companies, ultimately retiring from Sterling Supply Corporation in 1990s.

Charles enjoyed reminiscing about his days in the Army and his time on the road as a truck driver. He loved playing the lottery, dreaming of the day he would "hit it big". Charles also enjoyed talking politics, and could be very opinionated... and strongwilled. He lived independently in The Oaks at Liberty senior apartment complex, and was known to walk three miles everyday, Anyone who traveled on Liberty Heights Avenue in the early mornings was sure to spot him in his "Charles Lee Strut", with his arms swinging behind him or swinging a stick in his hand.

Charles will be dearly missed by those he leaves behind: two daughters, Marcella Yvette Lewis and Stacey Leslie Willis; one son, Rodney Dwayne Willis; a son-in-law, Shawn Lewis; a daughter-in-law, Amy Willis; five granddaughters, Jazz-Monet Willis, Mekayla Lewis, Brianna and Imani Maddox and Raven Willis; two grandsons, Mekhi Lewis and Selah Satchell; four brothers, John Edward Willis (Mittie), William Russel Willis, George M. Willis (Catherine) and Bobby E. Willis (Emma Ruth); three sisters, Annie W. Grant, Mae Lois Trotter and Tracy Christopher; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **9**. 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

FEB **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Service

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FEB 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles L. Willis*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Uncle Charlie, was one of my favorite uncle's to visit and a role model of mines. You will be miss greatly by me. Love you Uncle Charlie!!!!*  
*wilgogeo@aol.com*

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**George Willis** - February 21, 2011 at 02:22 PM



“ *I will miss the colorful conversations and how he always made me laugh. As a little girl, I enjoyed visiting him and his family in Baltimore. It was always fun.*

*Love Your Niece,  
Toni M. Willis*

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**Toni Willis** - February 18, 2011 at 09:00 AM

 Willie  
Christian  
Jr.

“ TO MY COUSINS: MARCELLA, STACEY, AND RODNEY, I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER, UNCLE CHARLES! HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY ALL KNEW, AND LOVED HIM, ESPECIALLY HIS CHILDREN, AND GRANDCHILDREN! GOD WILL GUIDE ALL OF YOU THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME, AND HE WILL BLESS ALL OF YOU AS WELL! I KNOW HOW ALL OF YOU FEEL, WHEN MY FATHER PASSED, ALL OF YOU WERE THERE FOR ME! ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY, YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY, AND CONDOLENCES!



I LOVE ALL OF YOU VERY MUCH!

SINCERLY,  
YOUR COUSIN,  
MR. MRS. WILLIE L. CHRISTIAN JR.

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**Willie Christian Jr.** - February 15, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Marcella Lewis** - February 07, 2011 at 12:20 AM

**GW**

*Hello, Cousin Marcella, This is your cousin, George Willis Jr. We haven't met. I just want to say hello and you have family that loves you. Keep in touch. [Gwiz.willis75@gmail.com](mailto:Gwiz.willis75@gmail.com) or [george.willis@vadoc.virginia.gov](mailto:george.willis@vadoc.virginia.gov). or [gwillis@thegeogroup.com](mailto:gwillis@thegeogroup.com)*

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**George Willis** - February 21, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 01, 2011 at 04:27 PM