



Leon Willis

October 12, 1933 - November 7, 2013

DEACON LEON WILLIS entered this life on October 12, 1933 to the late Edward and Mamie Willis. On Thursday, November 7, 2013, God sent His angels to bring Leon home to rest in peace.

Leon was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Douglass High School. He worked at St. Johnsberry until his retirement in 1993, as a member of Teamsters Local #557, after thirty-five years. Leon loved his work and preferred a starched and freshly creased uniform on a daily basis. The lunches that Josephine prepared were the highlight of his day, according to his conversations with Sallie Booker and other family members.

Leon was the ninth of eleven children, all who preceded him in death; Edward, Alice, Randolph, Frizelle, Pernell, Gloria, Mary, Milton, Freddie and Stanley. Leon took a personal interest in his nephews, nieces and other family members

Leon met the love of his life, Josephine Frances Booker, when he was fifteen years old. He knew that this was the woman that the Lord had created to be his beloved wife. Leon and Josephine courted throughout their years of school and were married on May 6, 1961. He was a devoted husband. They were blessed with forty-seven years together. The two were extremely happy and modeled what it truly means to be One in Christ through marriage until

Josephine's death in 2008. From this union, one son was born, Leon Curtis Willis Jr., who was his pride and joy.

Leon has a quiet way of speaking and a dry wit. He laughed with the family and enjoyed gatherings where he was able to fade into the background until he chose to be seen. The times he enjoyed the most were playing with the children in the neighborhood and family. His love of family and church showed in everything he did. Leon accepted Christ on June 12, 1988, joining Sharon Baptist Church. Leon had a rich church life, Along with his duties as Deacon and Trustee, he was a volunteer or member of the following: Vice-President of the James L. Moore Birthday Circle; Asberry Butler Men's Fellowship; Richard L. Malone Men's Chorus; Richard S. Nickens Security Force; volunteer custodial helper; assisted with Vacation Bible School and the Children's Fellowship; provided transportation by driving the church bus for Eva Wilson Adult Christian Fellowship; worked with the Food Bank and volunteered wherever needed.

Leon loved his family. He had a strong commitment and spirit of service. He became very serious about his role as the senior head of the Willis family. Leon took the time to develop a personal relationship with each of his nieces, nephews and their families. His high expectations, yet kind ways, commanded respect and exemplified the traits of a true gentleman and man of God.

As Leon's health declines, the Lord further deepened his relationship with his son Curtis. Curtis attended to Leon's needs with his fiance' Lisa Hopkins at his side.

Leon leaves a family to cherish memories of happier times. Leon passes the love of life to his son, Leon Curtis; two grandsons, Damon and Curtis Jr.; granddaughter, Alliah; great-granddaughter, Madison; three sisters-in-law, Rosa Lee B. Cox, Corenna Willis and Adelle Willis; and all other family and

friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 13. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

NOV 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church
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Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leon Willis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures at 1 Corinthians 15:26 "that the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Sincerely, Linn & family*

linn & family - November 13, 2013 at 10:49 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time. The Bible gives hope that soon our Creator Jehovah God will end all suffering, pain, and death. And we have the hope of being reunited with our loved ones that have passed away. Rev 21:4, John 5:28-29.*

Delores Allen - November 13, 2013 at 06:37 AM



“ *To the Willis family and friends,
I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Willis. I hope our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah, the God of all comfort (2Corinthians1:3-4), continue to sustain you during this difficult time. May you find solace in John5:28-29 and Revelation21:4 that tells us of a time when there will be no more sickness and death and when our loved ones that have fallen asleep in death will be restored to perfect life in a paradise earth. Continue to pray for strength and look to God's word for comfort and hope. With deepest sympathy.*

Murphy Family - November 11, 2013 at 12:17 PM

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“ My thoughts are with the family of- Mr Leon Willis Jr. I am so sorry for your loss. In the Bible we find comfort that God gives us at Psalms 34:18. “HE “is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit “HE” saves. Hope you find a measure of comfort from those words.

Peggy Land - November 10, 2013 at 04:37 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.

March Funeral Homes - November 09, 2013 at 11:10 AM