



Mark Chesley Willis

December 29, 1959 - August 22, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Mark Chesley Willis

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – TAMMS

420 Front Street, Tamms, Illinois

Mark Chesley Willis, age 65, of Olive Branch, Illinois, passed away on Friday, August 22, 2025 at Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur, Missouri.

He was born on December 29, 1959 to Chesley K. and Cecile (Hopkins) Willis in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. On July 4, 2008, he married Shirley Womack and they have been married over 17 years and have been together over 27 years.

Mark had attended Cairo Public Grade Schools and graduated as Valedictorian from Camelot High School in Cairo. He was a farmer all of his life in the Miller City area and operated Willis Hunting Club with his father. Mark was a member of Cairo Masonic Lodge #237, Cairo Elks Lodge #651, and the Alexander Pulaski County Sportsman's Club. Mark was of Methodist

faith.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; one sister, Paula (Steve) Thomas; niece, Greer Thomas; Shirley's parents, George and Brenda Womack; Shirley's siblings, Sharon (Andy) Gillip; Major David (Major Marina) Womack, Brenda Trimpy, James Hagaman, and Eddie Hagaman; along with several nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Ann (Willis) Kline; two nephews, Todd Stephen Thomas and Tyler Eugene Kline; and mother-in-law, Wanda Womack.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with Masonic Rites at 7:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home Tamms with an additional visitation on Thursday, August 28, from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home with the funeral service following at 11:00 AM with Major (Dr.) David W. Womack officiating.

Interment will follow the service at Olive Branch Cemetery in Olive Branch, Illinois.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Olive Branch Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Masonic Rites

AUG 27. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
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Visitation

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
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Funeral Service

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Interment

AUG **28**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

Olive Branch Cemetery
Olive Branch, IL

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Mark was Steve’s cousin and our whole family loved him & his family. We will miss him so much. Rest in Peace 2 Dogs. You are loved.

Chari & Steve Willis - August 27, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ So sorry for the loss. Prayers for the family.



April LeMay - August 26, 2025 at 08:39 PM

AN

“ Anonymous purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mark Chesley Willis.



Anonymous - August 26, 2025 at 05:24 PM

DW

“ A wonderful friend who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Dawn and Matthew Walston-Keith - August 25, 2025 at 05:46 PM

MC

“ *Morrissa, Joanna, Chris and Children purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mark Chesley Willis.*



Morrissa, Joanna, Chris and Children - August 25, 2025 at 02:08 PM

ST

“ *Stephen L Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mark Willis*



Stephen L Thomas - August 25, 2025 at 12:21 PM

CD

“ *Clay & Melissa Dugan lit a candle in memory of Mark Willis*



Clay & Melissa Dugan - August 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Mark Chesley Willis.*



August 25, 2025 at 09:01 AM

LW

“ *Lynn Willis purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mark Chesley Willis.*



Lynn Willis - August 24, 2025 at 12:58 PM

KM

“ *Karen Masterson lit a candle in memory of Mark Willis*



Karen Masterson - August 24, 2025 at 12:52 PM