Rev. Vernon Edwin Willis

September 6, 1931 - March 3, 2018

Funeral service for Reverend Vernon Edwin Willis, 86 of Cullman, will be 11 am Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Emeus Cemetery. Rev. Charles Dixon and Rev. Freddy Waldrop will be officiating.
Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
Rev. Willis was born September 6, 1931, to parents Robert Edgar and Zonie Ergle Willis. His hobbies were fishing, gardening, and he loved going to church and helping people. He loved the Lord and truly loved everyone. He went home to be with our Lord and Savior on March 3, 2018.
Rev. Willis was ordained in 1957. He served as president of the Annual Conference for 18 years and Vice President of the Annual Conference for 10 years. He served as Vice President of the General Conference for 28 years and President of the First Congregational Methodist Churches for 32 years. He has preached all over the Southeastern states from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas. He organized Cullman First Congregational Methodist Church in 1973.
Rev. Willis drove a school bus for 20 years with the Cullman County School System.
He was preceded in death by his parents.
Survivors include his beloved wife of 68 years, Bonnell Posey Willis; four children, Bonita (Jim) Peppers, Amy (David) Hale, Tim (Vanessa) Willis, Ronnie (Peggy) Willis; grandchildren, Kim (Jason) Hutcheson, Tonya (Nathan)

Blackwood, Michele (Jason) Heaton, Robert Willis, Brittany (Kevin) Scott, Tyler Willis, Austin Willis, Wesley Hale, Terri (Joe) Welsh, Joey Cain, Nathan Cain; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.
Pallbearers will be Bro. Ryan Conger, Bro. Deon Black, Bro. Robert Scholl, Bro. Ed Cash, Bro. Keith Smith, Bro. Phillip Robertson, Bro Harold Hamrick, and Bro. Brandon Berry.
Visitation will be 6:00 – 8:00 Tuesday evening, March 6, 2018, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Emeus Cemetery

2165 County Road 831
Logan, AL 35098

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **6**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home
255 County Road 1435
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Service

MAR **7**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

He was my preacher while I was growing up. He baptized me, and I got saved because of him. I miss him and sister Willis every day. Wish I could go back to that time. Can't wait to see you again.

Misty Harding - August 10, 2020 at 12:26 AM

LP

Vernon Willis lived what he preached,
I learned so much from him he gave me confidence that there were still good in people. I am so sorry for your loss, just saw this posted he will truly be missed, I know Vicky and the Eddy's are happy to see him they loved him so. Mrs Willis I will be praying for you and your family God has gained another angel.

Linda Patterson - March 07, 2018 at 08:27 PM

CI

I was blessed by having Bro Willis preach at the revival service where I accepted Jesus as my savior and soon after to have him baptize me. I will always be grateful to God that Bro Willis is in those memories. His time as pastor at Highway FCM church was incredibly meaningful and he will be missed. It's a great comfort to us that he is finally home. Prayers for Mrs. Willis and Amy as you grieve and in the future.
Wishing you God's Peace,
Cindy Baldwin Gray

Cindy - March 05, 2018 at 07:44 PM

CI

Sister Willis and Amy,
I am praying for you now in your time of loss. I wish I could be with you Wednesday but I know that you take comfort that he's at home in the arms of Jesus. All the years he was pastor at Highway FCM church our family was blessed by his sermons, his visits and his heart for the Lord.
Love and Prayers,
Myrtrice Baldwin

Cindy - March 05, 2018 at 07:40 PM

CI

Brother Willis was preaching when I accepted Jesus as my Savior and he baptized me the next month. I'm so thankful I get to have that very special memory with him at the center. I know he and Rev. Billy Graham are having a lovely meeting with Jesus. We are praying for the family now and in the months to come. Our Loss is Heaven's Gain.
Cindy Baldwin Gray

Cindy - March 05, 2018 at 07:33 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Vernon Edwin Willis.

March 05, 2018 at 10:54 AM

Divine Light was purchased for the family of Rev. Vernon Edwin Willis.

March 05, 2018 at 10:09 AM

SR

Ms. Willis and Family!
God Bless you all. I know he will be wearing a crown.
So hard in finding good people anymore.
We have always loved all of you!
One of tbe best.
Stacey, Patricia and Larry Richardson
Woodland, Alabama

Stacey Richardson - March 05, 2018 at 03:49 AM

LB

He was a great man of God. He preached at Liberty FCM Church on several occasions, that is where I attended church at that time. He will be missed by all. The family has my deepest sympathy and you have my prayers.

Letrina Biles - March 04, 2018 at 11:08 PM

PF

I owe this man my life. Brother Willis was the man that introduced me to Jesus. He was the only Preacher that didn't give up on me. I ran him out of my yard but he came back. I want to thank the family for letting him come to my house and talk me into coming to church. Ms. Bonnell you will never know how much you and brother Vernon mean to me. We love you with all our hearts. Paul and Jenny Rollins.

Paul Rollins family - March 04, 2018 at 10:44 PM

DL

Bro Willis was a wonderful man of God. He Pastored our church Oak Grove FCM during the 60s and preached many revivals at it. The main
reason I remember him is he preformed our wedding ceremony on September 3rd, 1965 and also our 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 at Oak Grove FCM Church. He will be missed dearly.

Dallas and Linda Letson - March 04, 2018 at 06:57 PM