



Adelean Willis

September 7, 1932 - August 1, 2022

Adelean Willis- Big Stone Gap, VA.-

Adelean Willis of Big Stone Gap, VA. - 89, departed this life, and entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Monday, August 1, 2022.

Adelean was born in Hazard KY, the daughter of the late; Bill and Mary (Griffith) Lawson. Adelean lived a full life. She married the love of her life Ralph Willis (Bear Tom) whom she adored for 63 years prior to his passing. In her younger years, she worked and retired from the Country Boy drive Inn. She was well known for her unique sense of work ethic and independence. Her neighbors speak highly of her, and how she was a "Grandmother to many". The "Simple Life" was the life for her, she enjoyed walking, reading, yard work, and swimming. She was a volunteer at the West End Baptist church Clothes Closet for several years. She loved her family, friends, and neighbors. She exemplified the qualities from Galatians 5:22-23 LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, & SELF CONTROL. The fruits of the spirit were evident to all her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents and husband (Bear Tom), she was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Frances Messer, that she loved and cared for while she battled with breast Cancer.

She is survived by her sisters; Beulah Beard of Bristol, VA., Shirley Kelly (Earl) of Hanover, MD., Kathy Richardson of Bristol, her brothers; Johnny Lawson (Janet) of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Jimmy Lawson (Rosita) of Big Stone Gap, several nieces, nephews, and many special friends and neighbors.

A graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, August 4th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens with Steve Maddox officiating, and special music will be provided by Cody Mabe. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, to whom she adored.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

The family request that to honor Adelean's life and legacy that you donate or perform and act of kindness for others in her memory.

An online register is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is serving the family of Mrs. Adelean Willis

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Previous Events

Committal Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Adelean Willis*

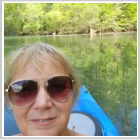
October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Lou Ella Cawood lit a candle in memory of Adelean Willis*



Lou Ella Cawood - August 04, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Adelean was a special light in this world. She loved our children and us like her own. We loved her in return. She was such a wonderful lady. We will miss her terribly, Eric and Angie Whalen*

Angie Whalen - August 04, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *She was such a kind and loving lady. She always had a smile for everyone. She will be missed.*

Linda Barker - August 03, 2022 at 09:06 PM



My late mother Doris Frazier and our family were close friends with Adelean and Ralph they are both deeply missed.

Mark Frazier - August 07, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Such a sweet lady. I remember her from the Country Boy.*



janet wilson - August 03, 2022 at 07:49 PM

MA

“ *There will truly never be another Adelean! We feel like she has been a part of our family since Bobby and I were little kids about 6 and 7 years old. She was always kind and loving. I will surely miss waving at her and her waving to me every strip as we mowed our yards at the same time. She always said that swimming in our pool was her vacation. I can just imagine her entering heaven and Ralph there to tell her about everything before she even has a second to look around. She will surely be missed. I love you Adelean and thank you for loving us through the years!* ”



Margie - August 03, 2022 at 07:25 PM

SF

“ *Such a sweet, beautiful and gracious woman. Love and Prayers.*
Tommy & Shirley Morrison Flsher ”



Shirley Fisher - August 03, 2022 at 07:23 PM

MI

“ *She was such an humble and precious woman. She was a true example of what a Christian should be, and will not be forgotten. My family and I will miss her so, but have no doubt that she is with the Lord!* ”

Misty - August 03, 2022 at 01:31 PM