



Melvin Gerald Willis

October 8, 1926 - November 22, 2014

Melvin G. Willis, age 88, passed away November 22, 2014, at Newton Medical Center, Newton, KS, surrounded by his family. Melvin was born to Reuben and Emma Willis on October 8, 1926. He was a man of many interests, with a ready laugh, and a willingness to help anyone in need.

Melvin and wife, Donna, were married September 27, 1953. Melvin grew up in Chanute, Kansas, and farmed for 40 years. Melvin's father, Reuben Willis, was the founder of Nu-Wa Industries, Chanute, KS. Melvin was one of the original officers in Nu-Wa Industries. Melvin traveled many miles delivering RV's from Nu-Wa Industries until his retirement in 1991.

Melvin's greatest passion, next to his wife of 61 years, was his family. Surviving family members include wife Donna of the home, Newton, KS; daughters, Sherida and husband Mark Gray, Wichita, KS; Diana and husband Herbert Swender, Garden City, KS; two sons, Rex and wife Sheryl, Eureka Springs, AR; and, David and wife Debbie, Francis, Utah. Melvin is survived by 18 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be Friday, November 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Chanute, Kansas, with visitation following the service. Interment will be at a later date in Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 202 S. Lincoln, Chanute, Kansas, 66720, and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Service

NOV 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chanute
202 S. Lincoln
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Dear Donna & family,
I want to say how sorry I am for your loss of Melvin. It seems like yesterday I would see you both at church but then too it seems like you have been gone from Chanute forever. My prayers & blessings are with you at this time. Love Marsha Carter*

Marsha Carter - November 28, 2014 at 08:26 AM

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“ *The Reuben E. and Wadean Willis Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Melvin Gerald Willis.*



The Reuben E. and Wadean Willis Family - November 25, 2014 at 10:50 AM