



Mary Ann Willis

May 27, 1933 - September 28, 2012

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ann Willis, 79 of the Galloway Community of Panola County, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2012 at the Faith Assembly Church with Rev. Joe Freeman and Rev. Roger Hoffpowier officiating. Burial will follow in the Adams Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Sunday evening from 6–8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Willis passed away September 28, 2012 in Marshall, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Ann White Willis was born May 27, 1933 in Santa Rosa, Texas. Mary Ann was one of eight children born to the marriage of Thomas Marion and Mary Lenora Rankin White. She met and later married William Calvin “Jack” Willis on June 18, 1949 and celebrated 63 wonderful years together. Mrs. Willis attended Southern Bible College, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and worked as an accountant in the insurance industry. She had a love for sewing, flowers, working in the garden and feeding and watching birds. But her real passion was ministering the Word of God around the world. Mary and Jack served as missionaries for a number of years in Indonesia, Malaysia, Belgium, and Nepal. She is preceded in death by her parents; son, William Craig Willis; twin sister, Martha Nan Sanders; five brothers, Tom, Charles, Dean, James and Harvey White.

Mrs. Willis is survived by her devoted husband, William Calvin “Jack” Willis of Galloway; daughter, Dyanne Wilbanks and husband Larry of Galloway; brother, Billy White and wife Patsy of Magnolia; grandchildren, Michele

Winslow, Nikki Winslow, James Winslow and wife Christine, Bill Wilbanks and wife Lori, Erica Shrieber and husband Patrick, Melissa Barnes and husband Aaron, Christi Blake and husband Robbie; great grandchildren, Keitric, Ashton, Zachary, Brett, Preston, William, Jaiden, Olivia, Jacob, Annica, Catherine and Connor; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Previous Events

Service

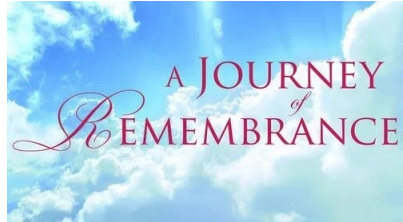
OCT 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Assembly of God
1600 S. Market
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Willis



Hawthorn Funeral Home - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary, my dear, sweet loyal friend & co-missionary in that beautiful country of Malaysia where you & Jack were so dearly loved by the people there. The precious times we shared going out-station, your mingling with the people, though somewhat restricted in words, your & Jack`s love for the people left a legacy of God`s love for them that shone so very briightly. Thank you for your & Jack`s lives so totally committed, so humble & so devoted to your "unseen" work. Thank you for your home which was an ever-open door & haven to the many who would come in need of refreshing & encouragement, which you & Jack so freely gave. You gave lovingly & generously of yourselves, of your time, your energy, your all. Soon we shall all be reunited together & with our Lord & Saviour. It will be even better than our Friday nights when we would meet up for the work-week break & enjoy sweet fellowship together with dear Uncle Jack & Aunt Mary. Thank you for being there for Darin, Todd & Kirk. They love you so. You are deeply loved. We will meet again soon dear Mary.##imported-begin##Jeanne Anglin##imported-end##

October 21, 2012 at 08:14 PM



“ A.Mary, You have been a constant strength in my life..my 2nd mom...my mom's totally opposite twin..what a great balance for me!! You were the adventurous one ...and could find humor in any situation. I don't think any of us can understand the love between you two. I am comforted knowing that now, after all the years you had to be separated from each other.... you will never be separated again...your both sharing the one main thing you were just alike in..... your love for Jesus and being with Him forever.##imported-begin##Vivian Jones##imported-end##

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“ YOU WERE A GREAT TEACHER. YOU TAUGHT US A LOT. WE LOVE YOU & MISS YOU.##imported-begin##RICKY & CHRISTY GEORGE & KIDS##imported-end##

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“ Grandma you have been a God send for me and Robbie over the past few years. We had the opportunity to live with grandma and grandpa for the past 1 1/2 years and been blessed by the things that she taught us. All the memories we have of story time at dinner time and grandma teaching Jacob Indonesian. We could go on and on about the things that she poured into our lives. We were so blessed to be able to spend her last months with her and allow her to reveal to us the legacy that she left for our entire family.##imported-begin##satory timend Robbie Blake##imported-end##

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“ Mary was my wonderful mother in-law for 33 years. I will miss her so much, when I needed prayer or encouragement she was always there for me. The best mom a girl could ever have. I am so glad she is no longer in pain and is enjoying being with her Lord.###imported-begin###Debby Willis Conner###imported-end###

September 29, 2012 at 04:20 PM



“ Mary, This is a day of great loss for us, but for you I know it is a day of Grand Reunion with the rest of the family, and to experience what we all long for, the meeting face to face with our Lord Jesus We will miss you - Ronnie###imported-begin###Ronald W. Sanders###imported-end###

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“ I will miss you Aunt Mary. I am so grateful to have had you in my life to teach me so many things. I only hope to be more like you in the years to come and reflect the love of Jesus that you did. I don't know how to live without you, but with the Lord's help, I know I will overcome just as you did!###imported-begin###Michelle Winsmann###imported-end###

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