



Ralph Eugene Willis

November 5, 1938 - November 20, 2014

RICHMOND, Ind. – Ralph Eugene Willis, age 76, of Richmond, died Thursday, November 20, 2014, at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born November 5, 1938, in Richmond, Indiana, to Orville and Hazel Irene Bane Willis. Ralph served in the United States Army in the 2nd Armored Division. He graduated from Purdue University with a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering. Ralph was a professional engineer. He was a civil engineer for Richmond and Crawfordsville, Indiana. Ralph was Director of Sanitation in Crawfordsville and Richmond, Indiana. He was a member of Richmond Lodge #196, F. & A.M., Elks BPOE #649, and First English Lutheran Church. Ralph enjoyed playing golf. Survivors include his companion, Barbara Ray Moyer; daughters, Mary McAvene and Susan Weliver, both of Crawfordsville, Indiana; son, Harold “Butch” (Julie) Ellison of Gatlinburg, Tennessee; grandchildren, Cassy (Travis) Harrison of Latoga, Indiana and Diana McAvene of Richmond; six great-grandchildren; brother, Donald Joe (Judy) Willis of Bend, Oregon; sister, Donna (Bruce) Simpson Scheer of Richmond; one son-in-law, Rick McAvene of Richmond; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Elizabeth A. “Libby” Willis; and man’s best friend, Fred, his golden retriever. A memorial visitation for Ralph Eugene Willis will be from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 20, 2014, at First English Lutheran Church, 2727 East Main Street, Richmond. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. following the memorial visitation with Pastor John R. Walker officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills

Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Memorial contributions may be made to: Help The Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Richmond, IN 47375 or Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County, 1717 South L Street, Richmond, IN 47374. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doan & Mills Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Eugene Willis*



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *We are sorry we can't be present at Ralph's memorial service. He and Libby were wonderful neighbors of ours in Richmond, IN. We'll never forget Ralph's infectious laugh. He was always in a good mood. Our condolences and prayers to Butch, Mary and Susan, Ralph's wonderful "children". Ralph will be missed by many.*

Ron and Millie Talley - December 19, 2014 at 09:32 PM

CB

“ *I'm sorry to hear, Barb.*

Curtis R. Blakely - November 25, 2014 at 11:48 AM

NK

“ *We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers and we are thinking of you all during this time. Love and hugs, Kenny and Nancy Weliver*

Nancy King - November 25, 2014 at 10:05 AM

MS

“ My sincerest condolences, although I hadn't seen "Ralphie" for 30 years I spent a couple of summers working for him in and around Crawfordsville and spent a lot of time around his family. I've thought of those fun filled days on many occasions. He was always good to me. Sorry for the loss Mary & Susan.

Mike Stump - November 25, 2014 at 08:51 AM

RT

“ My condolences to the family of Ralph who was a kind, thoughtful and joyful person. May he rest in peace.

Rich Tomassetti - November 24, 2014 at 07:05 PM

DR

“ Ralph was a fine man, gone too soon. RIP

David Rader - November 24, 2014 at 04:58 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph's passing, we were the breeders that sold Ralph, Fred, we know how much he loved and took care of Fred. Please know you all are in our prayers.

Kim and Mark Schull - November 24, 2014 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May all your good memories out weigh your sadness during this difficult time. (Isaiah 25:8)

Jackson Family - November 24, 2014 at 08:47 AM

WC

“ *Rest In Peace . You were a special person who taught me so much.*

Wendell Chambers - November 23, 2014 at 08:15 AM

RH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Ron Smith and the Staff of Doan & Mills Funeral Home - November 21, 2014 at 05:50 PM