



## Fred Willis

March 20, 1927 - January 31, 2014

January 31, 2014

Mr. Fred Willis, age 86, of Forrest City, died Friday at the Forrest City Medical Center in Forrest City. He had been in poor health for the past six months.

Mr. Willis was born March 20, 1927, in Emmet, Arkansas, and was the son of Ray Willis and Iber Martindale Willis. He lived in Forrest City since 1953, was a barber stylist, a Veteran of World War II, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Willis married Mary Adams in 1951, and she survives him along with two daughters; Lynda Boydston of Southlake, Texas, and Vicki Ragin of Columbia, South Carolina, five brothers; Frank Willis and Jimmy Willis, both of Texas, Herbert Willis of Conway, Coy Willis of California, and Arthur Willis of Florida, two sisters; Shirley Reese of Harrison and Carolyn Misenheimer of Rogers, and four grandchildren. He had one son, Freddie Willis, three brothers and three sisters, who all preceded him in death.

Services for Mr. Willis will be held at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City, 11:00 A.M., Monday, with burial in Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be

Sunday, 2:00 till 4:00, at the church, with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry. Memorials may be made to the Gideons International, Forrest City Camp, P.O. Box 506, Forrest City, Arkansas 72336, or to a charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
507 N. Rosser  
Forrest City, AR 72335

## Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
507 N. Rosser  
Forrest City, AR 72335

## Interment

FEB 3 (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR



# Tribute Wall

BP

“ Ms. Mary, my prayers and thoughts go out to you these days. I heard of Bro. Fred's homegoing a few weeks ago, and immediately my thoughts went back to those days of him unashamedly sharing his testimony and the gospel to anybody and everybody. He was a bold witness for our Lord, and I am truly grateful to God for his life and service to the Lord.

Only heaven will know of the countless people who came to know the Lord through Bro. Fred's life and witness.

Love and blessings to you.

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**Bobby Pruiett** - March 18, 2014 at 04:31 PM

MW

“ Growing up in Forrest City, we always got our hair cut from Mr. Fred. If we sat still in the chair long enough, we would get that long awaited piece of bubble gum. On occasion, he would stop by my Sunday school class and say "hi" with a smiling face. I haven't seen Mr. Fred in almost 40 years but think of him every time I drive by his old shop .

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**Mike Worthy** - March 05, 2014 at 04:36 PM

JW

“ Dear Mary, Fred was such a wonderful guy & he influenced my life & my Father's life in such a positive way. May The Lord grant you joy & peace at Fred's memory as you grieve his passing. He was a wonderful man - especially after he met The Lord. Forrest city will never be the same! Jim Williams, Jr.

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**Jim Williams** - February 27, 2014 at 10:55 AM

KM

“ Mrs. Willis, Linda and Vicki, You have all been in my thoughts lately. I'll always remember Mr. Willis for his gleeful presence and that great smile. Kathy Morgan

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**k morgan** - February 16, 2014 at 02:32 PM

BR

“ I remember Mr. Willis on his front porch saying he could sing and dance like Elvis Presley. Then he tried to prove it. Vicki and I just laughed, but Linda might have been embarrassed. Oh, that was a long time ago. May God's grace bring you peace and comfort. Beckie Glenn Rogers

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**Beckie Glenn Rogers** - February 14, 2014 at 01:47 PM

KN

“ Will always remember Fred giving both my boys their first hair cut..Always cut our dads hair.. He was always so funny and good with the boys..

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**Kathy Norman** - February 05, 2014 at 11:02 AM

RL

“ Mr. Fred lived down the street when I was growing up. I lived on the corner of White Oak where my mom sill lives. I remember mom taking my brother to get his hair cut by Mr. Fred and he always gave us candy or gum. Later in life he was a warrior for Christ and I have always enjoyed talking to him. He was a good man.

*Renee Huffstuttler Littrell  
606 White Oak Drive (growing up)*

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**Renee Huffstuttler Littrell** - February 05, 2014 at 09:25 AM

AJ

“ I always Mr. Willis growing up in Forrest City. He always had a smile and loved cutting my dad, Ernest Adamson, hair. My dad really like Mr. Willis. I remember his children also. I call those days in my life, "THE GOOD OLE DAYS"  
To each family member my prayers and heart are with you. But Rejoice knowing he is with our Father now in Heaven.  
Arline Jackson (Adamson)  
My mom, Louise Adamson, also sends her love to the family. She is in a Retirement home in Jacksonville,Ar.

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**Arline Jackson** - February 04, 2014 at 07:08 PM

KD

“ Mary, I am so sorry to hear the news of Fred's passing! He was such a loving and Godly man and he always made me feel so special and like one of his own grandchildren! He was especially loving to Walker and Emma and I will always remember his excitement when he saw them! I will miss him, but I am rejoicing that he is with his Savior! Please know that we are praying for you during this difficult time and we are sorry we could not be with you today! Love, The Dungans

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**Kathryn Dungan** - February 03, 2014 at 08:36 PM

JP

Fred was a good man and I am thankful I got to know him, I'm sure he will be greatly missed by all.  
John Poindexter  
Dardanelle, Arkansas

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**john poindexter** - February 09, 2014 at 04:33 PM

AH

“ I have Loved Uncle Fred my whole life, growing up we came from Michigan to Arkansas every other year to visit family. I always loved coming to Aunt Mary's and Uncle Fred's and especially visiting Uncle Fred at his Barber Shop. He always greeted us with a big smile and hug and was so proud to introduce us to his friends. I am so thankful we got to spend time with him this past summer. He is greatly missed. His testimony and Love for God are an inspiration to my family - Amy Harris



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**Amy Harris** - February 02, 2014 at 08:01 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mary and your family. May God give you strength. Mack and Glenda McCuan

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**Mack and Glenda McCuan** - February 01, 2014 at 06:57 PM

DW

“ Uncle Fred had a way of making each and every one of us feel so special.  
He was always smiling and making everyone around him laugh.  
I have many special memories of him. We all loved Uncle Fred.  
I pray for Aunt Mary, Lynda and Vickie as well as the grandkids and extended families.  
We are so saddened by his departure.

*Debbie Willis Wilson*

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**debbie willis wilson** - February 01, 2014 at 05:59 PM

DW

“ *Uncle Fred was a very special uncle to all of us. He always made each one of us nieces and nephews feel like we were as special as the next. I have so many wonderful memories that I cherish. Love and comfort to Aunt Mary, Lynda and Vickie, and the entire family.*

*Debbie Willis Wilson*

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**debbie wilson** - February 01, 2014 at 09:17 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Fred Willis.*



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February 01, 2014 at 09:11 AM

DW

“ *Debbie "Willis" Wilson and Steve Wilson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Fred Willis.*



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**Debbie "Willis" Wilson and Steve Wilson** - February 01, 2014 at 09:09 AM

JM

“ I am sad to hear of your loss but I know Fred is with the Lord and for that I am truly thankful. Fred was my barber for years but more than that he was a dear friend. I will always remember that great big smile and the laughs we had together. God bless you. You will be in our prayers.

*Brother Joey Meredith*

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**Joel Meredith** - January 31, 2014 at 10:12 PM

DC

“ Mrs. Willis, Linda and Vicki...please know that I am lifting you all up in my prayers today. Although we know Mr. Fred is now shouting AMEN in heaven...I know you will miss his terribly. Hold onto those precious memories as you face the difficult days ahead. You will definitely be in my prayers.

*Debbie Trail Childress  
Jackson, TN*

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**Debbie Childress** - January 31, 2014 at 02:54 PM

CH

*I remember getting a hair cut from you when I was just a little boy.rest I n peace my brother*

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**chicosandler** - October 11, 2015 at 05:25 PM