



Ronald Gaylord Willard

February 6, 1946 - April 23, 2019

Ronald Gaylord Willard died April 23, 2019, at his home in Forrest City, following a brief illness.

Ron was born February 6, 1946, to Rolla and Viola Willard, in Paxton, Illinois. The only child of a career military officer, he and his family lived all over the world during his youth, including grade school in Japan after World War II and high school in Puerto Rico. A graduate of Arkansas Tech, he married Glenna Sue Willard in 1970, and they settled in Forrest City in 1976. He went on to have a forty-year career with First Tennessee Bank in Memphis. During this time, they raised their family, ran restaurants, and managed rental property in the area.

He leaves his wife, Sue, and daughters Hope (Jason) Lundt of Brentwood, Tennessee, and Holly Willard of Forrest City. His greatest enjoyment in recent years came from grandchildren Emmie Willard and Will Lundt and grandpuppy Macie. He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter Lia Glen Lundt. A visitation is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, from 6:00 till 8:00 P.M. at Stevens Funeral Home. A private burial will be held later. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the Cara McCollum Birthday Book Project, 322 N. Izard, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

NB

“ Ron was a wonderful mentor and it was so much fun to work with him. I learned a lot from him. Prayers for Sue, Hope and Holly of whom he was very proud.

Nita Black - May 23, 2019 at 11:27 PM

BL

“ My condolences to all the family. I knew Ron through Furrow Auction Company in Knoxville, TN. He was a friend and business associate when he was in Special Assets at First Tennessee. Our team worked with Ron for several years. Lots of good memories in our dealings with him. Thoughts and prayers are with you in the coming days ahead.
Betty Lay

Betty Lay - April 30, 2019 at 06:16 PM

KH

“ Sue, Hope and Holly I am so sorry to hear about Ron. I didn't hear about the arrangements until this morning (Friday). I would have come last night. Please know we are praying for your loss. Ron helped me in my career path many years ago and I will be forever grateful to him for that. Love to you all. Kim Hollowell and family. Condolences from daddy too.

kim hollowell - April 26, 2019 at 07:39 AM

PO

“ Sue, Hope, Holly and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Ron. Our thoughts and prayers are with you guys today and in the coming days ahead. Lots of great memories we have shared together!!
Love, Mable, Penny, Joey and Yogi

Penny Oswald - April 24, 2019 at 11:39 PM



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