



Cecil Willis

January 12, 1918 - February 27, 2011

Cecil Willis, 93, passed away Sunday morning February 27th. Born 01-12-1918 in Austin TX, 3 blocks from Longhorn Stadium. He attended his first UT football game at the age of 6 and his last at the age of 91. Cecil is best known for his love of football, the nursery, landscaping business, and his passion in both the State and Federal Education System. Cecil spent his entire life devoted to his family, teaching, coaching and advocating for public, vocational, and athletic educational curriculums throughout the State of Texas. In 1965 he was assigned at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson to the Executive Office of the White House to develop the National Job Corps Program which still exists today.

He is predeceased by his wife, Gladys Marie Willis.

Survived by his daughter Kathy Willis, Two Grandsons; Kevin and Jennifer Ficke and James Reeves and Jenn Mossburg. Two Great Grandsons Jaxson and Jace Ficke, a special nephew John Willis and family and his favorite dog Kayden. Surrounded and given strength for 70 years by the boys, now men, who call him "coach."

Tribute Wall

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“ I believe this is the Cecil Willis that is my Step Grandfather. He was the 2nd husband of my grandmother Georgia Willis who passed away in the 1970s. My father was David McGinnis. Cecil and my dad worked together when he was with Kennedale Independent School district. My condolences to the family members and I really loved Papa Cecil. Sincerely, Doug McGinnis

Doug McGinnis - April 17 at 05:42 PM

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“ Thanks to this great man for the many memories of our association over the past 60 years. Ernest and Polly Denham

Ernest Denham - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a gentleman!

Judy, Richard & Dakota Thornton - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our dear friend and neighbor will be truly missed. We had wonderful conversations on every subject in the world for 20 years. Many blessings and much love to Kathy, Kevin, Jennifer and James.

Terrie & Bill Stover - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Grandfather I never met!

Nikki Willis Holster - July 27, 2023 at 11:52 AM