



Robert Charles Willis

December 20, 1946 - May 12, 2017

CTRC (SS), USN (RET) Robert (Bob) C. Willis
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Bob Willis passed away after a short battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert & Donna Willis, and his brothers Donald E., Walt and Bruce L. Willis. Bob is survived by his wife of 46 years, Jean Willis, and sons Robert S. and Russell S. Willis. Bob also had 15 grandchildren that he adored. Raised in Corpus Christi, Bob joined the Navy in 1964 and became a Cryptologic Technician ("R" Branch) where he served several tours in Asia including 3 tours in Japan, Okinawa, Philippines and Korea. As a direct support sailor, Bob served on 6 aircraft carriers, 1 destroyer, 2 frigates, 5 submarines and as an air crewman on EC-121's in Vietnam. After serving 21 ½ years in the Navy, Bob retired in Japan in 1985 moving to San Antonio where he began a very rewarding career as a NJROTC SNSI at Southwest High School. He retired in 2007 after teaching 20 years. Involved with veteran's organizations, Bob was a life member and Past Commander of American Legion Bicentennial Post 579. In addition to being a Past Commander and life member of Security Service VFW Post 6012, Bob was an All-American Past Commander of VFW District 20. The Willis family wishes to acknowledge the efforts and support from Dr. Thomas Fisher of Texas Oncology, Brooks City Base. His sensitivity and compassion enabled Bob to pass in peace. The family also acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Vinod Ravi of

MD Anderson, Houston, in his treatment.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. with a service to begin at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Celebration of His Life

MAY **21**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ I met Bob during visits for various meetings at American Legion Post 579. I always found him to be very cordial and extremely dedicated to helping veterans. I had the pleasure to install him as the Post Commander while I was serving as the 20th District Commander. He will be missed by all who knew him and may he rest in peace and condolences to his family. He served his country for over 21 years in the Navy and continued to serve veterans through his involvement in both The American Legion and the VFW.

Robert Masten, Post 10, The American Legion

Robert Masten - May 21, 2017 at 06:28 PM

BD

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Robert's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Robert's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country."

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thess 3:16.

*Robert C. Willis CTRC(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol.
Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.*

*Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans,
USSVI.*

Bill Dixon - May 21, 2017 at 03:44 AM

AL

“ Chief Willis was such a great man, always kind & willing to help the faculty, never failing to smile to all he greeted at Southwest High School. He positively influenced so MANY students in this community and I send heartfelt condolences to my friend, Russell, and his sweet family and all who knew him throughout his honorable careers. I just love the photo, Russell! Hugs and prayers, Ann Lievrouw SWHS

Ann Lievrouw - May 20, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Charles Willis .



May 20, 2017 at 09:07 AM

BC

“ Chief Willis,
Thank you for your service to our great country and community. You challenged me during my time as one of your students to be organized, discipline and respectful. I will miss you dearly and I would like to say thank you again for challenging me to be Great.

Willis family,
Know he was a great man who would talk about he's family all time and love y'all very dearly. I last saw Chief at Master Gunnery Sergeant Jackson Funeral. He told he was fighting hard and wanted to stick around long enough to see one of he's Grandchild Graduation. I not sure if he reached that goal. But I am sure he gave it all he had, like he did as always.

God Bless you Chief and love sir. Rest easy.

- Bryan Cortez SWHS c/o 2006

Bryan Cortez - May 19, 2017 at 02:19 PM

SJ

“ I was lucky enough to have worked with Bob at American Legion Post 579 as his Adjutant while serving as Commander. I will truly miss him. Bob was loved by all who knew him

Sharon Jackson - May 19, 2017 at 07:47 AM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album Photos of Dad



Russell Willis - May 18, 2017 at 01:21 PM

MK

In Memory of Bob Willis, I donated \$240 to the USO Connect charity, so that soldiers around the world may call home. I think Bob would have liked that. My condolences to the family. Respectfully, Mark Kuttner.

Mark Kuttner - May 18, 2017 at 09:36 PM

RU

“ It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with Chief Willis while he was at Southwest High School. He was an amazing advocate for the kids and he did a great job preparing them to have a great future. My sincere condolences to his family.

Rodolfo Urby - May 18, 2017 at 08:54 AM