

Robert Dale Willis

April 15, 1949 - March 6, 2024

Robert Dale Willis, 74, passed away on Wednesday March 6th 2024. Robert was born April 15th 1949 to Leonard and Edna Willis and was the oldest of his siblings. Born and raised in San Antonio, Robert graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1967. He then joined the U.S. Navy, serving as a boiler-fireman, during the Vietnam War. After serving and returning home, he took inspiration from his father and other family members and applied for the San Antonio Fire Department where he proudly served his community for 30+ years. Robert is preceded in death by his father Leonard Willis and sister Denise Hamilton. He leaves behind his beloved mother Edna Willis; brothers Ricky and Danny; his children Jacob Willis, Jason Willis (Julie Fackrell and children Jacob and Emma), Amber Willis (Johnny), Robert M. Willis (Krystal), April Willis (Joe); and his 5 month old grandson Joe. He also leaves behind beloved nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Robert always shared his great sense of humor and had many passions in life. A peek of his record collection is just a small insight of his love for music. While he was in the Fire Department, he joined the supper club and loved cooking for everyone. He brought that love of cooking home and would still cook as if it was for an entire fire station. He loved the outdoors; fishing, camping, playing horseshoes, taking his kids on motorcycle rides around the block, trimming limbs to burn in the chimenea for marshmallow roasting, and always running around the yard barefoot. He loved to play Pollyanna with a

"no mercy" attitude, even with his kids. He loved to shoot pool, bowl in and out of leagues, and loved to go to the casino to "feed the machines." He passed down the love for these activities and the never ending "one liners" and "dad jokes" to his children. Robert loved to tell his kids about the many adventures he had both in the Navy and in the Fire Department.

During the later years he enjoyed frequenting the local Whataburger, watching game shows, late night talk shows, and movies that he made sure his kids watched too. He loved spending time with his children and enjoyed going out to eat. He especially loved going to Jacala or Sea Island.

He definitely lived a life full of family, friends, and oh so many experiences. The love he shared with his family was his greatest accomplishment. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten. May all those who knew him cherish his memory. And in the words of Dad, "As they say in the salad business, lettuce leaf."

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

MAR 28. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 9:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Reception

MAR 29. 12:30 PM (CT)

San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association
8925 IH10 West
San Antonio, TX 78230

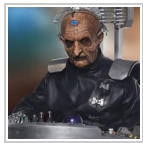
Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert Dale Willis.* ”



March 28, 2024 at 01:47 PM



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Jason Willis - March 18, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *The Blain family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Dale Willis.* ”

The Blain family - March 16, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *The Blain family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Robert Dale Willis.* ”



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April - March 15, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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April - March 14, 2024 at 11:33 AM

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Prayers and blessings for the family. May he rest in peace. Toni and Randy

Toni - March 14, 2024 at 01:26 PM

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“ Willis Family, our condolences go out to you all. Remember the good times and live from them 🙏😊🙏😊. God Bless us all Frank Martinez and Family 🙏🙏🙏



Frank Martinez - March 14, 2024 at 11:05 AM