



HAWOOD EUGENE WILLIS

January 7, 2021

Hawood Eugene Willis was born to Sam and Maggie Willis on June 19th, 1948 in Glen Allen Mississippi. At an early age he was a hard worker, he worked out in the fields, logging and other jobs to help his parents and raise his brothers and sisters. He always loved tinkering with stuff and making new things. Something he did as a child all the way up to the end.

In his 20s He left Mississippi and landed in Omaha NE. He worked at the Omaha Paper stocks, Holiday Inn Central as chief engineer, and final employment at Nebraska roads department until his retirement in 2015. In the 70's he met the love of his life Beverly Ann Garringer and had a daughter, Ronda on August 4th, 1979. He even was a stepfather to Beverly's two other daughters Debbie Ann and Karla Jean Garringer. In 2015 He packed up and moved to Hueytown, AL to live with his daughter Ronda Brasher and her family. For 6 years of his retirement, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, crafting, learning new technologies, playing and teaching his grandchildren (Angellia Palazola, Logan Brasher and Ian Brasher) different little projects to stars and nature.

Every day was filled with laughs, tears but joy because he was surrounded by his loving family. He got to meet his Great Granddaughter Chloe A. Champion on June 4th, 2020. He was overjoyed to be able to see 4 generations live on. His daughter helped him with his doc visits made sure his time on this earth was fun and as comfortable as possible. Hawood peacefully passed away in his sleep on January 7th 2021 in the early am, surrounded by a home of warmth and love.

Hawood is preceded in death by his father Early Sam Willis, mother Maggie Willis, brother Earley Willis, Jr, sisters Ida fox Willis-Clark, Pearline Bell, and his Wife Beverly Ann Garringer. He is survived by his brothers Henry Willis, Sam Willis and Walter "Sonny" Willis; sisters Wille Mae Fox, Elizabeth Brown, Bessie Hill, and Catherine Preston; daughter Ronda J Brasher (David W Brasher); grandchildren Angellia Palazola (Jason Champion), Logan Brasher and Ian Brasher; great granddaughter Chloe A. Champion; step daughters Debbie A Garringer, Karla Parsons (Ed); best friends John Heeren (Barb),

Tanya Smit (Justin), and Tiffiany Wells from Omaha NE; plus many other family members, nieces, nephews and cousins from all over the US.

Comments



“ Ronda J Brasher lit a candle in memory of HAWOOD EUGENE WILLIS



Ronda J Brasher - February 07 at 06:54 AM



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Ronda Brasher - January 15 at 05:56 PM



“ Mr willis, was my papa aswell, the first time i hung out with angel at her house i met him, and was scared of him, after a little bit i got comfortable with him and talked to him, i didnt expect us to get along so well but we did, we both enjoyed a lot of the same things and even planned a fishing trip to hangout and get closer, papa was my inspiration, i looked forward to hanging out with him and helping him when i came over to hangout, we joked, laughed and had so much fun, it made me so happy when my mom would drop me off and he was outside and i saw his face light up. hearing his hums while i was cooking made me happy and stress free. me and him would talk as well when i cooked and his stories made me laugh, you was the best papa, you always made me laugh and feel better, im gonna miss your stories, and laughs, and jokes, and when i used to hand you chloe and your face used to light up, i thought of you as my own grandfather and i was proud to call you my papa and im so glad you thought of me as one of one of your own, you will be missed papa, forever rest in peace, love Jason <3



Jason Champion - January 15 at 02:59 PM



“ You were a kind and gentle soul. You where always kind to Debbie and I when we would visit mom. You never wanted to take her time with us away. You would say Beverly its your time with these girls. I'll go for awhile so you can have your time together. I thought that was kind of you. We did have some laughs and fun also. May you rest in peace .

Karla Parsons - January 14 at 01:30 AM



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Karla Parsons - January 14 at 01:22 AM



“ Gene was an awesome coworker as well as a friend. We butted heads from time to time, but I did learn a lot from Gino. The stories he shared about his family almost always had a lesson behind them and you learned to see things in a different aspect. You will be missed, you cranky old man. But forgotten, never!! Keep an eye on us and knock us upside the head if need be!!



Tiffany Wells - January 13 at 07:28 PM



“ I worked with Gene at the Nebraska Department of Roads. He was always a good man and a hard worker. Bless him and may he Rest In Peace.
Dale Butler

Dale Butler - January 13 at 06:43 PM



“ Debbie Garringer lit a candle in memory of HAWOOD EUGENE WILLIS



Debbie Garringer - January 12 at 09:40 PM



“ You have been a presence in my life since 1975. Thank You. I will always remember the times bowling, fishing and eating KFC.. And all of the laughter and love. Mom was happy and content with You by her side. I will miss your presence. Thank You For Believing in Me and Helping Me. Love Always..Debbie. OXOXOXOXOX

Debbie Garringer - January 12 at 09:37 PM



“ Gene you were always like a bonus dad to me and bonus grandpa to my kids. I remember visiting with you when I would come hang out with Ronda when we were kids or have sleep overs. We would often visit with you at your garage at the apartment...cuz you were always there lol. I enjoyed picking up groceries for you and I would visit in rehab, etc. It sucks I never got to make it down to Alabama before you left this earth but I know you are with Bev smiling down on us enjoying your reunion with her. We love and miss you lots.

Tanya Smith - January 12 at 09:25 PM



“ Since I could remember my dad was always there for me. He had a special way to engage me into learning from age two and on. I learn the piano, drawing and reading by age 2/3. Then photography. I remember hearing him mumble when I wasted film or flash bulbs on taken pictures of shoes as I learned. Lol.

But never did he doubt my abilities and kept pushing me that no matter what I can do anything and don't let anyone hold me back. I am who I am cause of my dad. My mom was more like girls don't do this and that but my dad had me under the hood of the truck covered in oil from age 5 to my teens, look at bugs and just enjoy nature.

I hun my mom passed I saw a huge light snuffed out, then a year after she passed my dad had stage 4 prostate cancer. But after tons of nagging by me he went and took care of it and been cancer free for 13 years. He enjoyed the company of his brothers from Omaha when he did get to see them, his coworkers and best friends John, Tiffiany and Sully. My dad never would call anyone friends. He said there are four that touched his heart in ways he is forever grateful and love them. But he had friends he would give the world too and that was John, Tiffiany, Sully and Tanya (like his second adopted daughter, she is my best friend)

I took him in on July 2015. We made many many memories, I taught him how hints and he taught me. My children learned so much from him. And we miss him deeply. I know it will take time and years. But everyday I look at my kids or in the mirror I see him staring back at me. I love you so much Dad. Thank you for letting me keep your remanding years fun, comfortable and full of love as possible. I will continue on and make sure the whole world remembers you. Til we meet again.

Love your pumpkin.



Ronda Brasher - January 12 at 08:47 PM



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Jerry - January 12 at 08:09 PM