



## Wayne Willis

December 11, 1946 - July 6, 2008

Heading: Wayne Willis (Veteran)

Dateline: Duncan

James Wayne Willis, 61, passed from this life at his home on Sunday, July 6, 2008 after a long and brave battle with cancer. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Lib, his mother, Cora Mae Willis, his sister Linda Fay Willis, a large and loving family of cousins, aunts and uncles, his best friends John and Amy Wilson of Kentucky and his sweet baby Dachshund, Little Bit. He lost his father, James Curtis Willis in 1993.

Wayne served four years in the U.S. Air Force, based in California and in Puerto Rico. During his service, he met and married Lib in 1967 and then returned to the upstate in 1968 and started school at North Greenville Junior College. He graduated in 1970 and attended Clemson University and Furman University.

He began work in the accounting field and later moved into management of private clubs. He was the General Manager of The Greenville Country Club and of The Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg County for many years. He was a leader in his field and served as President of the Carolina Chapter of the Club Managers of America professional organization in the early 1990's. His great joys in life were his family and his work, golf, travel and raising a number of Dachshunds over the years. He and Lib and the Wilsons spent the past few years exploring the Western United States and had hoped to live there after retirement, but that was not to be.

Special thanks go to all the staff at the Cancer Centers of the Carolinas, especially to Dr. Jeffrey Giguere, nurse-practitioner Susan Funk and Oncology nurse Jason Morrow for their timeless efforts. Also, to all the wonderful people at Interim Hospice for their love and care over the past few weeks, and to the hundreds of friends, family, co-worker and Club Mangers who have supported us with prayers and good wishes as he lost his battle this week.

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Wood Mortuary in Greer, S.C. on July 9, 2008. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Honorary escort will be the 1964 class of Blue Ridge High School.

Visitation will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Wood Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Southeastern Children's Home, P.O. Box 339, Duncan, S.C. 29334 or Duncan United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 216, Duncan, S.C. 29334.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

(864) 877-3351

[woodmortuary@bellsouth.net](mailto:woodmortuary@bellsouth.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ Hi Lib and Family,

*I just wanted to say that I hope God holds your hand through the grief process.*

*I know you are in the prayers of my grandma too, Beverly.*

*Lots of love,*

*Taya Hart-Garman##imported-begin##Tani ( Darlene's Daughter)##imported-end##*

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July 09, 2008 at 02:45 PM



“ *Our hearts are with you all. Be assured, we have another GREAT angel among us. God Bless you all and Libby if you need us call. I love you forever##imported-begin##Eldon and Darlene##imported-end##*

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July 09, 2008 at 12:54 AM



“ Lib,

*Saddened to hear of Wayne's passing. We pray for your strength in this time of bereavement and for comfort and blessings for the family.*

*We love you!*

*Wanda and Wesley.##imported-begin##Wanda and Wesley Sinclair##imported-end##*

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July 08, 2008 at 07:59 PM



“ Mrs. Willis, I worked at the Greenville Country Club as a lifeguard and pool manager and under Wayne's guidance...they truly were the greatest days of my life. He was such a leader and an honest director and it was such a joy to be part of his staff. I am so sorry for your loss, he was truly a great man.##imported-begin##Julie Perkins Bissetta##imported-end##

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July 08, 2008 at 07:44 PM



“ Lib ,I am so very very sorry,,Sandy##imported-begin##Benjamin Morgan##imported-end##

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July 08, 2008 at 02:15 AM