



Aaron Duff Willis

May 12, 1936 - October 4, 2018

Aaron Duff Willis, 82, passed away October 4, 2018 after a short illness in Pawleys Island, S.C. where he retired to over 20 years ago.

Aaron was born May 12, 1936 in Belfast Northern Ireland.

Aaron along with Mavis, his loving wife of 60 years moved to the United States where Aaron then served in the United States Army. Basing their family home in Morris Plains, New Jersey, he worked for PSE&G for 39 years.

Aaron's love and dedication for his family was his purpose in life.

He will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Mavis, daughter Glenna Ramsey and husband Jason, dear grandchildren Maya and Trevor, daughter Jacqueline Willis and partner William Strohm.

Services to be held privately for family.

Donations in lieu of flowers please to: St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org

Forever in our hearts xoxo

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Willis family. Jackie, Jim & I send you our love & hope your memories will sustain you!
Jim & Linda Schneidmuller
(Jennifer Shollenberger's aunt & uncle)

linda - October 10, 2018 at 03:12 PM

EG

Sending heart felt prayers and love at this sad time. Eileen Grabowski

Eileen Grabowski - October 11, 2018 at 07:55 PM

TC

“ Mrs. Willis, Jackie and Glenna,
Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss, at the end I know Mr. Willis was surrounded by the three greatest loves of his life and maybe, at the end, being surrounded by loved ones is the most anyone can ask of this life. May god comfort you and your families during this time of sorrow, I pray that god will wrap you in his loving arms during this difficult time.

Tony Curotto - October 08, 2018 at 11:13 PM

BB

“ Mrs. Willis, Jacqueline, Glenna and all your family, I extend my deepest condolences and pray God keeps you firmly in His embrace during this time and always and may you find comfort in the many loving memories you hold of Mr. Willis. We love you all!

Barb Boler - October 08, 2018 at 07:10 PM

GR

“*Mrs. Willis, Glenna and Jacqueline I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Willis was the consummate family man. I dare say I spent as much time at the family home in Hastings as I did at my own during our youth. How much he loved you all was evident in everything he did. I am truly saddened by the loss of this marvelous man. I am certain he is looking down, protectively of his family.*

Gary Riveles - October 08, 2018 at 06:10 PM

PE

“*We were heartbroken to hear of the loss of Arnold (as we knew him). They were neighbors and good friends for over 17 years in New Jersey. We have known them since 1980 and have watchded the girls grow up into wonderful young women.*

We first met them when they were just 6 & 9.

Arnold & Mavis showed the rest of us what a close, loving family is all about.

Arnold was a good, good man. His sense of humor was amazing. He will be deeply missed.

All our love to Mavis, Glenna, Jason, Maya, Trevor, Jacq and Bill. May he rest in peace.

Love, Joe & Pat Elias

Pat Elias - October 08, 2018 at 04:15 PM

WM

“ The news arrived here in his native Northern Ireland and broke the hearts of all his family here. Even though he was across the pond he was thought of with love and affection. The whole Family connection here would love to be able to put our arms around Aunt Mavis, Glenna her husband and children, Jacqueline and her partner, just to try to ease their pain. Uncle Arnold was a truly remarkable yet humble man, he was generous to a fault, my own father who sadly passed earlier this year received a card from him every Christmas with \$20, as my father said it wasn't about the money it was the fact that Arnold cared enough about him to send it to him, he always said that his younger brother-in-law was a true gentleman. I have my own memories of my giant of an uncle one of which I shared with Aunt Mavis on the phone we both laughed and I know Uncle Arnold would have laughed also. Before his illness we were arranging to meet in New York in November something my family were looking forward to. We all hear will miss him dearly but we will all hold onto our own memories of a wonderful Uncle. I will continue to pray that the Lord will comfort Aunt Mavis, and all his family.

Billy and Elizabeth McCombe

william mcombe - October 08, 2018 at 01:47 PM

“ I had the privilege of being music teacher to both "Willis girls" when they were in elementary school. I met Aaron and Mavis when Jacqueline went through my high school music program. We have since maintained a close personal relationship for over 25 years, and it is through this relationship that I came to know Arn vicariously through Jackie. My violinist, Elizabeth, and I had the honor of playing for the weddings of both girls, and it is at these family gatherings, and a few others, that I came to know Arn and Mavis on a deeper level.

Like my own father, he was a large man, with an equally large and boisterous personality, outgoing, warm, and friendly. Aside from the occasional political rant about the local "good old boys" network - and I wish there had been more of that discourse - the conversation always centered around the love, concern, pride and admiration he had for his beautiful daughters.

That is his enduring Legacy - the boundless love and devotion he had for his wife and family. He took an oath and made a solemn commitment, in the eyes of God, to be that loving, devoted husband and father, and he faithfully honored that commitment for 60 years. Six decades - let that sink in, for it is a truly remarkable achievement in today's world, a lasting Testament to his morality, his character, his honor.

Time and distance have unfortunately limited our personal interaction over the years, but I have always been made to feel a part of this very special family.

Their grief is my grief - their loss, my loss, but I am comforted in the knowledge that Aaron is home now, at rest, in the grace and peace of his Heavenly Father, reaping his well-deserved reward for a life well-lived.

May that Grace and Peace comfort his loving family now, and in the days ahead.

The void will never be filled, but the love will remain, always...

Rest peacefully, my dear Friend.

May God bless you and keep you.

*I love you all,
Jack*

John Popek - October 08, 2018 at 01:34 PM

WU

“ *Thanks for your service Soldier !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - October 08, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Mavis and Family, i remember what a kind
and gentle man Aaron was. As a young girl I
was in awe of what a beautiful couple you
were together. I know my parents especially
loved you both. Sending you my love and
prayers. Love, Karen Osborne (Stevenson)*



Karen Osborne - October 08, 2018 at 10:40 AM

BS

“ *Mrs. Willis, Jacqueline and Glenna,
Our hearts are breaking for you in this very
difficult time. We continue to lift you all in
prayer.
In sympathy, love and friendship,
Beth and David Saalmann*



Beth Saalmann - October 08, 2018 at 10:39 AM

KF

“ Dear Mrs. Willis, Glenna, Jacqueline, and family, Mr. Willis was a man that loved you all fiercely. A hard working, family loving man that was so very proud of each and every one of you. My heart is broken for all of you knowing how incredibly hard this must be. Just know that you now have a beautiful guardian angel that will be with you in everything that you do. Sending my love and prayers for strength. Rest In Peace, Mr. Willis. You are greatly missed already. Love, Kathy Fanning



Kathleen Fanning - October 08, 2018 at 10:35 AM

MA

“ Madalena lit a candle in memory of Aaron Duff Willis



Madalena - October 08, 2018 at 10:02 AM