



# James E. "Pete" Willis

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James E. "Pete" Willis, 84, of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in his home.

Pete was born on July 8, 1932 in Annette, Kentucky the son of Vern and Stella (Lasley) Willis. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of Laborers Local #159 and a lifetime member of the VFW Post #99. He enjoyed fishing and mowing. He married Shirley Hall on January 25, 1957 in Joliet, IL.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; sons, Robert Willis(Tamara) of Decatur; Timothy Willis of Warrensburg; daughter, Susan Willis of Decatur; brothers, Roy Willis of Texas; Daniel Willis of Tuscola, Gary Willis of Chenoa ; sisters, Maxine Decker of Ohio; Ferina Blattioux of Godley; Betty Harden of North Carolina; 14 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughters, Tracy Roberts and Laura Singletary; brothers, Rudy. Les, Robert, and Coy.

Services to celebrate Pete's life will be 10 AM Monday, February 13, 2017 in Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with military honors conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard. Visitation will be 2-4 PM Sunday in the funeral home.

The family of James E. "Pete" Willis is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St, Decatur, IL 62526. Send condolences and share memories with the family at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).

Video Tribute for James E. "Pete" Willis:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/CS5KYHR7B8KJXB43>



## Tribute Wall

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TW

**Tamara Willis** posted:

My father in law, Pete Willis, Papa to my children, was a wonderful man. I couldn't have asked for a better father in law. He was generous, full of humor, loved...loved his children and grandchildren. He mostly showed me what the love of one woman could be, for how he so loved my mother in law Shirley. They were the example of true love. He'll be greatly missed by me and by everyone. Rest in Peace Pete... I'll see you again in Heaven. \*blows a kiss love Tammy

February 11 at 4:22 AM

MA

**Mary Armstrong** posted:

Aunt Shirley so sad to hear of Uncle Pete's. Passing. Love you all. Mary Decker Armstrong

February 10 at 1:50 PM

SW

**Samantha Willis** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James E. "Pete" Willis

February 10 at 10:43 AM

FW

**Frank Willis** posted:

So sorry for your loss my prayers for the whole family. We had some good times back in the day, we spent a lot of time together before he went in to the service. Frank Willis

February 10 at 10:16 AM

LS

**Lester And Thelma Saltsman** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. Love and prayers to Shirley and the family and Danny and Gary. Lester "Pren" and Thelma Saltsman (cousin)

February 10 at 6:36 AM

RW

**Roxanne Willis** posted:

RIP Uncle Pete. Prayers to you Aunt Shirley and family

February 10 at 6:29 AM



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**Lester & Thelma Saltsman** posted:

So sorry to hear about Petes passing. Love and prayers to the family and to Danny and Gary.  
Lester "Pren" and Thelma Saltsman (cousin)

February 10 at 6:24 AM

BH

**Betty Harden** posted:

My Brother Pete, I will always remember you and will miss you. Heaven has gained another angel.  
My prayers to Shirley and the family. I love you. Your Sister Betty

February 9 at 7:41 PM

DD

**Donna Darnell** posted:

So sorry to hear this. Prayers for the whole family. He is our cousin. Donna [Willis]Darnell and  
Vernon Willis. God bless.

February 9 at 5:53 PM

KW

**Kenneth Willis** posted:

Shirley and family I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Pete always reminded me of my Dad in many  
ways. I know they were very close to one another and served together in Korea. I am very proud  
of him and my Dad for their service to our country. They were good men . I will miss seeing him at  
the family parties. Ken Willis

February 9 at 5:52 PM

KK

**Kahty&Kettle** posted:

OMG, Tim!! AWESOME! Thanks so much for sharing! Aunts Kathy and Kettle

February 9 at 3:48 PM

MS

**Megan Singletary** posted:

Love you grandpa ❤️

February 9 at 1:56 PM



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**Tony Gragg** posted:

I'll always remember Chief as my second dad growing up, making him a vodka and squirt, going fishing at the pay lake. He was a good man, and he'll be missed by a lot of people. Shirley, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you all.

February 9 at 12:01 PM



**Scott F. Stroud** posted:

Sent a gift in memory of James E. "Pete" Willis

February 9 at 7:07 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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