



Mr. Willis Edward Ayres III

November 15, 1953 - October 16, 2021

Willis Edward Ayres, III went to be with the Lord October 16, 2021. He was born 1953 to the late Willis Edward Ayres, Jr. and Evelyn Thompson

Willis was a fifth generation Memphian who graduated from Memphis University School. In 1977 graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Tech University. Willis founded Ayres Auto Parts and ultimately retired from the FedEx IT department.

Willis, fondly known to the family as Buster, was the founding Scout Master of Troop 81 at Independent Presbyterian Church where his sons rose to the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoyed camping, including a major Scout trip in Canada.

Willis was a referee, officiating middle school and high school football and basketball games for the TSSAA. He took pride in knowing the rules and applying those rules on the athletic fields and in gymnasias.

Other than his parents he was also preceded in death by a daughter Hannah Catherine Ayres.

Willis is survived by his devoted wife, Marilyn; daughter Sarah Jane, sons Morgan and Cooper (Liz) Ayres; his sisters, Beth (Bill) Campbell and Ann (Charlie) Christ; stepdaughter, Kendall Gibson and stepson, Taylor Gibson; and several nieces and nephews.

Willis courageously battled Parkinson's disease, finishing the race set before him.

A Memorial Service will be held at Harvest Church, 3645 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Germantown on Saturday, October 23 at 12:00 noon. Visitation at 11:00 a.m. Until the time of the service at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Parkinson's Foundation or Harvest Church, Germantown.

Cemetery

Events

Elmwood Cemetery 824 S Dudley St Memphis, TN, 38104	OCT 23	Visitation	11:00AM - 12:00PM
		Harvest Church 3645 Forest Hill Irene Road, Germantown, TN, US, 38138	
	OCT 23	Celebration of Life	12:00PM
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Comments



“ On behalf of the FedEx Packaging Lab team, we mourn the loss of Willis. I had the pleasure of meeting Willis in 2015 and worked with him on various initiatives and packaging projects for the Repair Service Center where he was domiciled. I enjoyed our time working together and always enjoyed talking sports when we were together. A beautiful smile gone too soon. Sending comfort to his wife Marilyn and his children.

Evan Edwards - October 22, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Kappa Mu Chapter of Kappa Sigma Alumni purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Willis Edward Ayres III.



Kappa Mu Chapter of Kappa Sigma Alumni - October 21, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis Edward Ayres III.



October 21, 2021 at 01:35 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Willis’s family. He and Marilyn were great neighbors. He will be missed by all but now in the comforting arms of Jesus. Your friend, Walter and Phyllis



Phyllis Kallaher - October 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis Edward Ayres III.



October 20, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis Edward Ayres III.



October 19, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis Edward Ayres III.



October 18, 2021 at 10:27 PM



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October 18, 2021 at 10:12 PM