



## Herman "Gene" Willis

December 09, 1955 - February 12, 2022

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Funeral services for Mr. Herman Eugene "Gene" Willis will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in the Chapel of Rush Funeral Home, Oakdale, with Reverends Elden Mayo and Greg Willis officiating. Interment will follow in Cryer Cemetery, Oakdale, under the direction of Rush Funeral Home, Oakdale.

Mr. Willis, 66, of Oakdale, entered eternal rest on Saturday, February 12, 2022.

Gene was born and raised in Oakdale, LA where he married Jenai Ballard in 1979 and together they had five children. Gene worked pipeline and was a member of local 692 and operators Union 406. He was a loving father, grandpa, uncle, and friend. His greatest joy was being with his grandkids.

On school mornings he would bring the kids to get breakfast, pick up buckets of scraps and get donuts out of the dumpster to feed the chickens before finally bringing them to school.

He loved to go to garage sales on Saturdays to find something for his grandkids that they did not need like knives, swords, slingshots, crutches, and wheelchairs.

Solid Gold Sundays were his favorite along with the smell of burnt rubber and gas fumes. Gene was the most generous man. He would cook an entire meal and bring it to his kids just for him to eat a piece of chicken instead.

There are no words to describe how much he will be missed by all that knew him. Simple things we will miss the most are sitting on his porch watching the kids ride in the field, going to the Christmas tree farm, Sunday morning sausage biscuits, having to drive to his house to press the power button on his TV because according to him "this dang TV is broke, it won't do nothing," and his six am Saturday morning phone calls just to say, "Mildred, surely you're not still in the bed at this time of day."

Gene wasn't a man of many words. He didn't say, "I love you" very much, but the people he loved knew it. He showed them in his own way. We will forever be grateful for the time we had with our daddy, pawpaw, uncle, and friend. In our eyes it wasn't nearly enough.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Bertie Willis; one sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Gerald Wayne Monk and one grandson, Kech Stephenson.

Those left to mourn his loss and cherish his memory include his son, Chase (Lisa) Willis of Oakdale; four daughters, Mande (Dustin) Stephenson of Oakdale, Maggie Willis of Oakdale, Hailey (Lee) Jezoirski of Oakdale and Mary Willis of Oakdale; two sisters, Darlene Willis and Suzanne Willis both of Moss Bluff; eleven grandchildren, A.J., Treven, Kady, Cruz, Reese, Tucker, Bradee, Tip, Trooper, Murry and Nellie.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Jeffro Ballard, Jake Gilley, Lamar Dousay, Coley Stockman, Ronald Lynn Richmond and Phil Spears. Honorary pallbearers are Woodrow Willis, Bubba Monk, Billy Joe Monk, Gerald Willis, Larry Willis and Scotty McDaniel.

A time of visitation will be held at Rush Funeral Home, Oakdale, on Monday, February 14, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00

p.m. Visitation will resume on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until time of services.

Donations can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Friends may post online messages of condolence for the Willis family by visiting [www.rushfh.com](http://www.rushfh.com).

## Events

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### FUNERAL CEREMONY

10:00 AM

Chapel of Rush Funeral  
Home - Oakdale 113 S  
11th Street, Oakdale,  
LA 71463

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### VISITATION

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Rush Funeral Home -  
Oakdale P.O. Box 688,  
Oakdale, LA 71463

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### VISITATION

8:00 AM

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# Tribute Wall

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## Jackie Ballard

I'm going to miss his wave "hello" as he drives by our house!

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## Tommy Perkins

This is a sad moment Gene was a good person and a good friend I've worked on all of his vehicles and tractor when I would finish he always tell me I was to high but he would normally run it so long broke I would have to use a torch and a welding machine to put it back together I'm going to miss u my friend RIP ( STERLING) your friend Tommy

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## Tribute Store

Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, The Ehlers Family. Susie, Robert, Robby & Charlie



### "Peaceful Condolences"

was purchased for the family of Herman "Gene" Willis



Tribute Store

Show your support with flowers



A tree was also planted in memory of Herman "Gene" Willis.

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## Patricia Callaway

A very good friend and best buddy who was very,very loved and will be missed in our hunting club and may GOD bless his family and his memories of our times together will be forever in our hearts.Go rest high my friend till our circle is once again unbroken.One of your best buddies Wild Bill Durant

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## amber monk



### "Material\_candle\_navy\_thumbnail"

was lit in memory of Herman "Gene" Willis



Light a candle

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

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## Cassandra Spikes

Sorry for y'all loss!??



"Material\_candle\_red\_thumbnail"  
was lit in memory of Herman "Gene" Willis

❤ Light a candle

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## Skipper Carlisle

When Pipelining was Slow or Nonexistent Gene and I would cut and haul Pulp Wood to make ends meet. I didn't get to see Him much over the last 20 years but He'll be Remembered as a Dear Friend.



## Anita Johnson

Praying for the family



## Linda Willis-Vita

My friend?????



## Emily Atkinson

Sorry for your loss! Prayers for his family and friends! Always had a smile and nod his head! Rest In Peace!!



## Betty Robinson

Prayers



## Nell Clark

Sending up prayers for the family and friends ??

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## Rush Funeral Homes & Crematory



"Rush Funeral Homes & Crematory posted a video"

👁 Watch now



## Chad Johnson

Prayer for the family



**Era Dill McDaniel**

So sorry for the family's loss???



**Leslie Coker Parker**

Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss ?



**A Memorial Tree was planted for Herman "Gene" Willis**

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Oakdale

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