



## Virginia Smith Willis

October 30, 1938 - October 5, 2024

Virginia Smith Willis(Nana), 85, of Travelers Rest, wife of the late Ernest Bruce Willis, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2024, at Encompass Health Rehabilitation in Greenville.

Born in Greenville County, she was a daughter of the late Joe Earl and Mary Lucille Cobb Smith. She was a caregiver and a member of Locust Hill Baptist Church. A woman who exemplified Godly wisdom, service, and sacrificial love. A true matriarch, the glue that held her family together. Her presence will be missed.

She is survived by her daughters: Tanya Harris(Scott), Laurie Willis; granddaughters: Holly Harder Nelson(Bryce), Chelsey Harris Edison(Parker), Madison Harris Carter(William); great-grandchildren: Miriam Joy Edison, Lincoln Joel Carter, Ava Grace Nelson, Morley Ruth Edison, Levi Thomas Carter; Kyler David Nelson; and a sister: Joanna Smith White.

Along with her parents and husband she was predeceased by a brother-in-law: Alton Frank White; and great-grandson: Lucas Jack Carter.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 2pm at Enoree Baptist Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House, 81 Gadsden St., Charleston, SC 29401.

The family will be at the home of Tanya Harris.

# Cemetery Details

## Enoree Baptist Church Cemetery

881 Tigerville Road  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
(864) 834-8051

# Previous Events

## Church Service

OCT 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Enoree Baptist Church  
881 Tigerville Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Willis was a long-time supporter of our family's former missionary service in France and current church planting work in Asheville. She joined with 4 other godly and generous ladies to pool their contributions and send them to us. We affectionally called them the FAB FIVE. We are so thankful for her investment in this kingdom work and she will be dearly missed.

- Ross and Carmie Duncan

Ross Duncan - October 09, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ Dear family, We are so sad for your loss of Baby Lucas Carter & Virginia Willis. We are praying for your strength and comfort. Virginia's Celebration of Life was so uplifting-with love for God and others. You have our deepest sympathy!

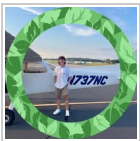
With our love, George & Joyce Fisher, Lyman SC

Joyce Fisher - October 08, 2024 at 07:20 PM

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Coleman, Lib - January 18, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ Tracy Garrett lit a candle in memory of Virginia Willis



Tracy Garrett - October 07, 2024 at 09:03 PM

SH

“ *She was the kindest, caring lady and always a beautiful smile. She will be missed but is in Heaven with her maker.*  
*Shawna Hall , Enoree Baptist Church member*



**shawna hall** - October 07, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DA

*So sorry for your loss. I loved talking with Virginia, she was a wize soul,kind with a sense of humor. Virginia married my first cousin and even when I was young I realized she was a special person. Donna Shelton Aiken*

**Donna Shelton Aiken** - October 08, 2024 at 02:45 PM

JP

*Dear Sister yes that is what we called her. She has been in my life since I was born. There was such a special bond living on the UB Mill village. She loved me and man it was so easy love her. You never take the time to go and visit as you should. I will miss running into her at special events and churches. Sister I never thought of you dying. I love you and I will see you again. Family I love y'all too.*  
*Butch Patterson*

**Joseph Patterson** - October 08, 2024 at 04:23 PM

LF

“ *Leigh Edwards Newby and family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Virginia Smith Willis.*



**Leigh Edwards Newby and family** - October 07, 2024 at 01:09 PM

CB

“ *Such a dear sweet lady. So sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers. Connie Bridgeman*

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**Connie Bridgeman** - October 07, 2024 at 12:08 PM