

Donald Arthur Willis

January 9, 1943 ~ January 21, 2022

Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend Donald Arthur Willis, 79 passed away Thursday, January 21, 2022. Donald was born January 9, 1943, in Salt Lake City, Utah. A son of Ethel Larson Willis and Arthur McClelland Willis.

Donald graduated from Granger High School, West Valley City, Utah in 1961. Donald served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints it was the Central British, England Missions from 1962-1964. He married his sweetheart Hydee Anne Siddoway on December 17, 1965, in Salt Lake City, Utah in the Salt Lake Temple for time and all eternity.

Don proudly served his country during the Vietnam conflict in the Army from June 20, 1966 to May 29, 1969. Don started working June 20, 1969, at Western Air Lines then transitioned to Delta Airlines, he worked in the Delta Air Freight and Delta Dash department in customer service for 50 years.

Don was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was an active member serving in many positions and recently served as an ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple, Oquirrh Mountain Temple, and Jordan River Temple. Don spent his life in the service of others, his quiet, unselfish, loving, Christ-like spirit will be missed by many.

Don loved going to Lake Powell camping, boating, and spending time with family. He had fond memories of rafting the Colorado River as a youth, he would always comment how it felt to be at the bottom of the river looking up at the canyon walls in comparison to floating alongside them on the lake.

Don absolutely adored the music of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square. He would have the choir music playing in his office as he worked at full volume in his car as he drove, and he spent hours on his iPad with his headphones on listening and watching choir performances. One of the highlights of each year was to attend the annual Christmas Concert for the Choir. Whenever he spoke of the choir his eyes would tear up and his spirit would bear testimony of his love for gospel music.

Surviving are his wife Hydee Anne Siddoway Willis, son Kevin (Lynda) Willis, daughter Karianne (Jason) Rawlings, Kyle (deceased son) spouse (Kami Anderson Willis), son Kory (Amanda) Willis, daughter Katrina (Darren) Steck, 17 grandchildren and, 8 great grandchildren. Also survived by his siblings Ray (Becky) Willis, Jane (Brent) Handley, Vickie (Richard) Ott.

Preceded in death by his parents Ethel Larson Willis and Arthur McClelland Willis and his son Kyle Delyn Willis.

A viewing will be held Thursday, January 27th, 2022, from 5:30 - 8:30PM at the Larkin Mortuary-Riverton located 3688 West 12600 South, Riverton, Utah.

Graveside services will be Friday, January 28th, 2022, at 12:30PM at the Memorial Redwood Mortuary and Cemetery located 6500 S. Redwood Rd, Taylorsville, Utah.