



Carroll Cornell Willard

January 21, 1950 - August 2, 2016

Carroll Cornell Willard, 66, of 293 Oak Ridge Drive, Altavista died Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at his residence. He was the husband of Gwenda Dudley Willard for forty-five years.

He was born January 21, 1950 in Altavista, a son of the late Jonah Ezra Willard and Elizabeth Bates Willard. He was a retired owner and operator of the former Altavista Auto Alignment, member of Campbell Lodge #316 A.F. and A.M., and enjoyed archery and fishing.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Christopher C. Willard and his wife Tami of Meansville, GA; a daughter, Jennifer W. Dowdy and her husband Nathan of Hurt; five grandchildren, Nichole, Caitlin and Carolyn Willard and Brock and Anna Dowdy; and one sister, Hazel Johnson and her husband William of Raleigh, NC.

He was preceded in death by a son, Nicholas Dwayne Willard; and a sister, Edith Moore.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Green Hill Cemetery by the Rev. Jim Critchley with masonic rites by Campbell Lodge #316 A.F. and A.M.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Campbell Lodge #316 Building Fund, P.O. Box 316, Altavista, VA 24517.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Graveside Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Green Hill Cemetery
300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *My papa was my best friend I miss him everyday*

Anna Dowdy - March 04, 2025 at 02:12 PM

DL

“ *So sorry for the loss of your devoted husband and father. Brother Carroll was a devout, honorable man! I'll always remember how Carroll took care of my grandparents vehicles, many times at very little to no cost. He was without having to say, a pillar to our community, who put the welfare of the needy above himself. He will be greatly missed! My prayers go out to your family; may the Holy Spirit grant you all comfort and peace during this difficult time.*



Donald Layne - August 04, 2016 at 09:15 AM

LM

“ *Gwenda, Chris, Jennifer & family*

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Lynn & Megan

Lynn Moore-Sawyer - August 04, 2016 at 09:07 AM

LM

“ *Lynn Moore-Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Lynn Moore-Sawyer - August 04, 2016 at 09:05 AM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Eddie Puckette - August 04, 2016 at 06:22 AM

PW

“ *PAULA WILBOURNE lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



PAULA WILBOURNE - August 03, 2016 at 10:26 PM

KH

“ *Keith & Mary Hall lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



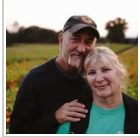
Keith & Mary Hall - August 03, 2016 at 07:38 PM

SO

“ *Sandra Emory Osborne lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Sandra Emory Osborne - August 03, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Every time I needed my van worked on or my mustang or oldsmobile, you could always count on Carrol to fix it right and charge you fair! Peace be with you Carrol, you are a great soul.*

David Wheeler - August 03, 2016 at 04:20 PM

SB

“ *Family,*

Carroll was such a special man and friend. We will always treasure our camping days with you all. Those "stories" around the campfire and especially our water gun fights. I was the crazy one in the bunch always worrying about where all the kids were. HA Those were some wonderful memories. Everyone loved Carroll - he had a heart of gold and was good to everyone he met. May your beautiful memories of him give you peace in the days to come. He loved his family and was blessed to have such a caring one. He is now with his sweet Nick. We love you.



Love & Prayers,

Edwin, Sue, Brian and Braxton Blackstock

Sue Blackstock - August 03, 2016 at 03:50 PM

DD

“ *carroll or wimpy to his good pals at ahs was a great friend to all who knew and loved him . it was a great shock to hear of his passing. our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.dennis dalton class of 69 ahs.*

dennis ray dalton - August 03, 2016 at 01:30 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Billy & Diane Davis - August 03, 2016 at 01:02 PM

JH

“ *I only knew Mr. Willard as a business man. He was without a doubt the nicest man I ever encountered while having automobile service work completed. He was courteous, fair and easy going. I'm sure these characteristics carried over to his personal life. I am so sorry for your loss and will pray for you all.*

janna Hall - August 03, 2016 at 12:43 PM

PP

“ *Piedmont Green Power purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carroll Cornell Willard .*



Piedmont Green Power - August 03, 2016 at 12:35 PM

CW

“ So sad to learn of Carroll's passing. He was a very special friend to Nelson and me when we lived down the road. Carroll was always coming to our rescue when we were sitting on the side of the road with a broken down car. He always had a kind word to me after Nelson's passing, recalling the times of going fishing and the lures that Nelson had passed on to him. I pray that you can take comfort in the many good memories that all who knew Carroll have in their remembrance. Carol Brown Willis on behalf of the family of late Nelson Brown - Spencer Nelson Brown and Cristy Brown Lecik

Carol B. Willis - August 03, 2016 at 12:33 PM

CS

“ Praying for you and your family during this sad time.

celeste shirlen - August 03, 2016 at 11:53 AM

PB

“ Pat Barksdale lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard



Pat Barksdale - August 03, 2016 at 11:03 AM

GC

“ Gil & Becky Cothran lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard



Gil & Becky Cothran - August 03, 2016 at 10:54 AM

RP

“ Praying for all of the family. Carl was a wonderful person, I graduated school with him, but my husband who passed away in May of this year knew him better than I did. Sunny thought of Carroll and always spoke highly of him. May God bless you entire family.

Ruth Pierce

Ruth Pierce - August 03, 2016 at 10:46 AM

CD

“ Carlton & Linda Dalton



Carlton & Linda Dalton - August 03, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carroll Cornell Willard .



August 03, 2016 at 10:24 AM

WS

“ Wayne & Clara Smith lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Wayne & Clara Smith - August 03, 2016 at 10:15 AM

JT

“ Jimmy Thurman lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard



Jimmy Thurman - August 03, 2016 at 08:59 AM

KH

“ KENNETH HUDSON lit a candle in memory
of Carroll Cornell Willard



KENNETH HUDSON - August 03, 2016 at 08:56 AM

PA

“ THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY.
PAMELA ANDERSON DOWDY

PAMELA ANDERSON - August 03, 2016 at 08:51 AM

JH

“ Carroll was a special man and his family I
know was very proud of him-He will be
missed by the town of Altavisa-He was a hard
worker His bad days has turned into
good days-May he rejoice in the presence of
the Lord



Joan Hagood - August 03, 2016 at 08:43 AM

BM

“ *Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Bud and Dean Moon - August 03, 2016 at 08:27 AM

EE

“ *Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Eugene & Mary Edmonds - August 03, 2016 at 08:03 AM

JP

“ *Jimmy and Joyce Pittard*



Jimmy and Joyce Pittard - August 03, 2016 at 07:28 AM

JM

“ *Jerry McCulloch lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Jerry McCulloch - August 03, 2016 at 07:09 AM

JC

“ I WAS SO SAD TO SEE THAT MY BUDDY CARROLL HAD PASSED. HE WAS A FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS AND I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE IN ALTAVISTA, VIRGINIA. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE AND REJOIN YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE YOU. PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



Jane H. Chapman - August 03, 2016 at 07:07 AM

JL

“ Julia & James Lukin lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Julia & James Lukin - August 03, 2016 at 07:02 AM

DV

“ Dale Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Dale Vaughan - August 03, 2016 at 06:57 AM

EC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carrol passing. He loved his Children and Grandchildren and loved his wife Gwenda. He just told me how lucky he was to have her. He touched the lives of many and I am sure he is looking over his family walking in heaven with Nick by his side.

May his family find comfort in the days ahead.

Love, Ellyn and Donald

Ellyn Cox - August 03, 2016 at 06:43 AM

DL

“ Doris Lukin lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Doris Lukin - August 03, 2016 at 06:14 AM

DL

Sending much sympathy to each of you. We know you all will miss him greatly. Just cherish each memory each of you have of him. Love and sympathy from Doris and Sherwood Lukin.

Doris Lukin - August 03, 2016 at 06:18 AM

JK

“ Judy Kirby-Cordle lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Judy Kirby-Cordle - August 03, 2016 at 06:00 AM

JK

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you during this difficult time.

Judy Kirby-Cordle - August 03, 2016 at 06:01 AM

MK

“ *Mollie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Mollie Kirby - August 03, 2016 at 05:57 AM

DS

“ *Danny&Mary Singleton lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Danny&Mary Singleton - August 03, 2016 at 04:06 AM

LR

“ *Larry Roach lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



larry roach - August 03, 2016 at 12:19 AM

LB

“ *Linda Blessard lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard*



Linda Blessard - August 02, 2016 at 11:06 PM

LB

“ *Linds Blessard lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard*



Linds Blessard - August 02, 2016 at 11:04 PM



“ *Becky Woodruff lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard*



Becky Woodruff - August 02, 2016 at 10:43 PM

CW

“ *Chastity Wertz lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard*



Chastity Wertz - August 02, 2016 at 09:47 PM

KW

“ Kevin & Leslie Walden lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Kevin & Leslie Walden - August 02, 2016 at 09:14 PM

DT

“ Dennis And Deborah Tweedy lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Dennis And Deborah Tweedy - August 02, 2016 at 08:36 PM

KC

“ To Gwenda,Chris,Jennifer and family, May the Love and all of the wonderful memories become a treasure of Peace and Comfort to each of you.

Carroll and I had some laughs and short conversation on FB, but Carroll was the most thoughtful and most caring human being that I have ever known. Carroll would help anyone who was in need and never ask one question, he was just a wonderful person.

I will miss our little messages, but he will always be in my thoughts and heart.

Carroll you were a wonderful and super cousin....Rest In Peace...

My Dear Cuz❤️



Kay and Ray Caldwell - August 02, 2016 at 08:35 PM

FF

“ Gwenda and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Praying that God gives comfort, strength, and peace in the coming days. Carroll was my brother and I loved him and he was a great man. He will be missed by many. Sending my love to all of you. Rest In Peace my dear friend Carroll...your work on this earth is done and now you are pain free and the arms of your Savior.
Faith Francis

Faith Francis - August 02, 2016 at 08:09 PM

JP

“ Judy Powell lit a candle in memory of Carroll
Cornell Willard



Judy Powell - August 02, 2016 at 08:02 PM

RG

“ When my son, Jeff, and daughter, Kelley , were in college we had a rather old Nissan Sentra that both drove at different times. When it would have mechanical problems, need tires, brakes, or anything I would be scared it would need to be replaced. But Carroll always would put my mind at ease. He would say " don't worry Rusty we will get them through college". I knew he would keep it going. He was such a straight shooter. I will miss him very much!!

Rusty Giles - August 02, 2016 at 07:39 PM

MS

“ *Martha & Buddy Shelton lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Martha & Buddy Shelton - August 02, 2016 at 07:21 PM

JK

“ *Janice Kelley lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Janice Kelley - August 02, 2016 at 06:39 PM

ES

“ *Etta Skinnell lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Etta Skinnell - August 02, 2016 at 06:31 PM

CS

“ *A dear friend since little league baseball I will miss him a lot. My prayers are with you.*
Calvin Shelton

Calvin Shelton - August 02, 2016 at 06:31 PM

RC

“ *Ronnie Cooper lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Ronnie Cooper - August 02, 2016 at 06:10 PM

KH

“ *Kitty Harris lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



kitty harris - August 02, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *Debbie Daniel lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Debbie Daniel - August 02, 2016 at 05:38 PM

SD

“ *Samantha Davis lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Samantha Davis - August 02, 2016 at 05:14 PM

AK

“ THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY & FRIENDS. CARROLL WAS ALWAYS SO GOOD TO MY BROTHER LATE MORRIS KRANTZ. WONDERFUL FRIEND.
ALICE FAYE KRANTZ KEESEE



ALICE KEESEE - August 02, 2016 at 04:51 PM

GG

“ Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard



Gwen Goggin - August 02, 2016 at 04:32 PM

CH

“ Connie P Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard



connie p hall - August 02, 2016 at 04:28 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard



Nancy Roark - August 02, 2016 at 04:24 PM

 Carter
Sue

“ *Carter Sue lit a candle in memory of Carroll
Cornell Willard*



Carter Sue - August 02, 2016 at 04:22 PM

 Carter
Sue

*So very sorry for your loss. Praying for all. Rest in peace to a wonderful
man. God bless.*

Carter Sue - August 02, 2016 at 04:25 PM

 Wanda
Monroe

“ *Wanda Monroe lit a candle in memory of
Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Monroe - August 02, 2016 at 03:44 PM

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Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Monroe - August 02, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ *Wanda Monroe lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Monroe - August 02, 2016 at 03:42 PM



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Wanda Monroe - August 02, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ *Wanda Monroe lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Monroe - August 02, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ *Wanda Monroe lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Monroe - August 02, 2016 at 03:41 PM

WM

“ *Wanda Lambert Monroe. lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Lambert Monroe. - August 02, 2016 at 03:38 PM

WM

“ *Wanda Lambert Monroe. lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Wanda Lambert Monroe. - August 02, 2016 at 03:35 PM

KW

“ *Kathy&Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Kathy&Ray Walker - August 02, 2016 at 03:34 PM

MT

“ *Mike, Kim, & Hannah Towler lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Mike, Kim, & Hannah Towler - August 02, 2016 at 03:27 PM

JW

“ *May the knowledge that Carroll touched the lives of so many people and the memories of his love for you, his family, comfort you and bring you peace.*
With sincere sympathy.
Janet West



Janet West - August 02, 2016 at 03:17 PM

RM

“ *Ray & Judy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Ray & Judy Mitchell - August 02, 2016 at 03:13 PM

JP

“ *Jimmy and Joyce Pittard*

Jimmy & Joyce Pittard - August 02, 2016 at 03:00 PM

AJ

“ *Amy Jones lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard*



Amy Jones - August 02, 2016 at 02:38 PM

SD

“ Gwenda, Chris, Jennifer and family,
So sorry about your loss. Our thoughts and
prayers are with all of you during this difficult
time.

Steve and Jean Dalton



Steve and Jean Dalton - August 02, 2016 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ Prayers being sent you, Gwenda, and family
for uplifting of love and comfort, Carroll did
not meet a stranger, and had a friend in all
that knew him. It was an honor having known
him for as long as I have.



Jo Barnard - August 02, 2016 at 02:23 PM

TL

“ Terry And Charity Lambert lit a candle in
memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Terry and Charity Lambert - August 02, 2016 at 02:13 PM

MW

“ Mike & Jo Ann Weeks lit a candle in memory
of Carroll Cornell Willard



Mike & Jo Ann Weeks - August 02, 2016 at 02:12 PM

TL

“ Terry And Charity Lambert lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Terry and Charity Lambert - August 02, 2016 at 02:11 PM

AG

“ Andrew & Judy Guthrie lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Andrew & Judy Guthrie - August 02, 2016 at 01:59 PM

GD

“ Glenn & Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Glenn & Phyllis Dalton - August 02, 2016 at 01:45 PM

TW

“ Tommy & Myra Walker lit a candle in memory of Carroll Cornell Willard



Tommy & Myra Walker - August 02, 2016 at 01:30 PM

VC

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Willard family.
Carroll was one of my class of 68 classmates
❤️



Vicky Creasy - August 02, 2016 at 01:28 PM

VC

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Willard family.
Carroll was one of my 1968 classmates❤�



Vicky Creasy - August 02, 2016 at 01:26 PM