



## Leroy McGee Willis

September 11, 1931 - July 19, 2006

Leroy McGee Willis passed away on Wednesday July 19 2006. The son of Lorenza Dow and Elva E. Willis, he was born in Graydon, West Virginia, on September 11, 1931. He was predeceased by his sister Pauline, and brothers Paul who died on the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II Ralph, Frank, Everett, and Walker.

Mr. Willis went to school in Lookout, West Virginia at Nuttall High School. In 1953, he moved to Portsmouth and then joined the Air Force. During his career, he was stationed in Teas, Wyoming, Georgia, North Africa, Johnston Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, Washington D.C., Kentucky, Alaska, Colorado, New Mexico, Thailand, Nebraska, Korea, England and Germany. He retired after 22 years of service. For ten years he worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Shop 03. Mr. Willis was a Mason and a Member of Tidal Wave Lodge No, 273 AF and AM.

Mr. Willis is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Willis, two sons Stephen Joseph and wife Michelle Willis of Stem, NC, Larry David and Wife Patti Willis of Chesapeake, two daughters, Cathy Elaine and husband John Henry Owen of Richmond, VA, Deborah Lynn and husband Herbert Paul Le Beau II of Lakewood, WA. Two sisters Rebecca Irene Hall, Portsmouth and Clara E. Holliday of Helena, MT, one brother Harvey and his wife Betty of Martinsville, VA. Grandsons David and Patrick Willis of Chesapeake, VA, Herbert Paul LeBeau III of Pittsburgh, PA, Andy LeBeau of Seattle, WA, Danny Lee Gilkerson, granddaughters, Samantha Willis of Charlotte, NC, Alyson Mullis

and husband Gene of Charlotte, NC, and Rosemary Willis of Chesapeake, VA, great grandson Logan LeBeau of Pittsburgh

Service will be held at Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth. The Family will receive visitors Sunday evening 5-7 p.m. The Funeral will be held Monday at 1:00 p.m., the Rev. Jay Albritton, First Baptist Church of Norfolk officiating with Masonic Rites.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry and family,  
I just wanted to let you know that I am with you in thoughts and prayers. It has been 4 years since my Dad passed and our special times together helps him live on. May good memories sustain you during this most difficult time.*

*Love,  
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August 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *We wish we could be there. Our hearts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Gina Foley, Jerry Foley, and Janice Mize##imported-end##*

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July 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM