



Mary E. Willis

December 20, 2011

PORTSMOUTH – Mary Elizabeth Willis, 76, passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2011. Born and raised in West Virginia, she was predeceased by her parents W.K. and Zula Kountz; her husband of 53 years, Leroy M. Willis; son Stephen J. Willis, Sr.; brother Earl Gill; and grandson Danny Lee Gilkerson.

She is survived by three children: Cathy Willis Owen John; Deborah Willis LeBeau Herb and Larry D. Willis, Sr. Patti and daughter-in-law Michelle Wilkins Willis. Also surviving are nine grandchildren: Allyson, Samantha, Stevie, Nicole, Herb, Andy, David, Patrick and Rosemary.

After travelling the world with her Air Force husband, and moving to Virginia in 1972, Mary worked at Maryview Hospital and eventually retired from there. She was a member of Surry Street Baptist Church. The family thanks Medi Home Health & Hospice for their care during her final illness.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 24, 2011 at Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 7 – 8 p.m.

Tribute Wall



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Mary and Lee were great neighbors to my Mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Hanbury.##imported-begin##Mary Lee Williams##imported-end##

December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry and family ,my thoughts and prayers are with you .i know your mom was a very special person because knowing you and your family you all are special too,god bless.love bruce conley##imported-begin##bruce conley##imported-end##

December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you & your family in my prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Kelly A. Smith##imported-end##

December 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Rufus and Shavaughn Banks##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your loss. We extend our sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Herbert & Faye Mitchell##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Though we do not live across the street anymore Mary remained in our thoughts. We would have liked to attend the service but are currently out of town. She was a wonderful neighbor. Lynn Shores will not be the same it always seemed safer with Willy and Mary on the watch! Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Scott & Susan Myers##imported-end##

December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I feel fortunate to have worked with Mary for many, many years at Maryview Behavioral Medicine Center. A sweetheart of a lady who could smile and joke on the most difficult of days.##imported-begin##Rich Jaglowski##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Although it's been a long time, I think what I remember most about your mom was the constant twinkle in her eye. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

With love,

Leo Snead##imported-begin##Leo Snead##imported-end##

December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry about your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Janice Willis and Gina##imported-end##

December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.*##imported-begin##*Bonnie Willis*##imported-end##

December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM