



## John Roger Willis

November 6, 1947 - June 15, 2010

John Roger Willis, 62, died Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at his home in Newnan, GA. He was born November 6, 1947 in San Francisco, CA to Henry & Clarice Woken Willis. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by father-in-law, Sander Jerve.

John was an active member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Newnan where he had a passion for helping others through a special Thanksgiving basket project every year. He worked for 38 years in the airline industry with Western Airlines and Delta Airlines after their merger. After retiring from Delta, he began a second career with Chick-fil-A where he worked for the past five years.

John's love of sports was evident in the great joy he found in watching his children participate in various sports throughout the years.

The memorial service is Saturday at 11:00 am at Resurrection Lutheran Church with Pastor Barbara Gibson officiating. The family will greet friends in the fellowship hall following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Basket Project Fund, 1250 Lora Smith Rd, Newnan, GA 30265.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

Survivors include wife, Pat Willis; daughter Tara Willis Thom & her husband Tracy, Kristina Willis Shubel & her husband Trevor; sons, Mitchell Willis, Tyler Willis; mother & step-father, Clarice Willis Park & Leo Park; sister, Linda Edginton & her husband Mike; mother-in-law, Dorothy Jerve; nephews, Vince

Edgington Alex Jerve, Ryan Jerve; niece, Elizabeth Edgington; brothers-in-law, Greg Jerve & his wife Sue and Steve Jerve; grandchildren, Mackenzie & Collin Thom.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

**JUN 19**, 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
1250 Lora Smith Rd  
Newnan , GA 30265

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ PAT: I GRADUATED WITH JOHN FROM B.S.H. JOHN AND I LIVE A FEW MILES APART WHEN HE WAS IN WISC. THERE WAS 5 OF US (JOHN, LANNY, TOM ,ROGER & MYSELF) THAT HUNG AROUND TOGETHER DURING AND AFTER SCHOOL. WE LIVED IN THE RIDGELAND/DALLAS AREA AND HAD SOME PRETTY GOOD TIMES GROWING UP. I HAD NOT SEEN JOHN SINCE SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE HE HAD A FULL LIFE. HE WILL BE MISSED. OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. BARRY & KAREN BSA "CLASS OF 65"

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**BARRY CASWELL** - July 14, 2010 at 12:51 PM

RW

“ Dear Pat & Family, We were so sorry to hear about John. I can't even begin to imagine the heartbreak all of you must be experiencing, but wanted you to know that our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of sadness. I know that your faith will strengthen you as you go through the days ahead.

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**Ron & Sandra Wise** - June 29, 2010 at 04:54 PM

TS

“ Dear Pat and Tyler, our hearts break for you. We have heard amazing things about John as a person, a father, a husband. Please know that our prayers are with you. Thinking of you during this difficult time and praying for peach in your hearts. John walks in the heavenly garden with Christ now. With love, Cynthia, Tony and Sarah

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**The Banks Family- Tony, Cynthia & Sarah** - June 23, 2010 at 11:28 AM

JS

“ We continue to pray for you and are truly sorry for your loss. The Lord called John home, and he's watching over you and your family! We love you! \*many hugs.

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**Jolynn Owens & Brandi Shroyer** - June 22, 2010 at 01:07 PM

DH

“ Dear Pat: You don't know me, but I worked with John in MSP reservations many years ago. He was a great guy and I am sure he was a great husband and father. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God wrap his arms around you and your family. Denise Hukriede

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**Denise Hukriede** - June 21, 2010 at 06:59 PM

SC

“ Pat, Tyler & Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy. John and all of you have been in our thoughts these past few months. We look back fondly to when our families were whole and we shared our "cruise buddies" vacation with you. May John rest in peace and may you be comforted in your grief by cherished memories that will keep John's spirit alive in you. Sean & Maggie Coleman

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**Sean & Maggie Coleman** - June 21, 2010 at 11:18 AM

RM

“ Mrs.Pat, Kristina, Mitch, and Tyler, Madison and I will forever remember John he was one in a million. We still have every beanie baby Pat and John gave Madison, Our Prayers are with the family.

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**Rebecca and Madison** - June 21, 2010 at 12:16 AM

JS

“ Pat you and your family are in our prayers. I am so sorry about John but I know he is in Heaven. If you need anything please let us know. May God wrap his arms around you and your family. Tom, Jeannie Smrcina

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**Jeannie Smrcina** - June 19, 2010 at 09:49 PM

LB

“ I worked with John in MSP (WA). He was a pleasure to work with. You are in my prayers.

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**Lou Budler** - June 19, 2010 at 12:41 PM

BE

“ To the Willis Family: Our sympathies for your loss. John was a wonderful man and a great role model for the boy scouts he was associated with. I have fond memories of him and the laughter! Becki, Paul, & Christiaan Kelly

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**Becki** - June 19, 2010 at 10:44 AM

TF

“ Our prayers are with you during this sad time. John was such a great man. We have talked a lot about him in the last few days. Remembering how funny he was - how he would do anything for anybody - that he was always smiling and in a good mood. Peace be with you. Steve, Jennifer, Heather, Erin, Drew, Emily, and Daniel Kupfer

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**The Kupfer Family** - June 19, 2010 at 08:32 AM

MP

“ Dear Pat, My deepest sympathy to you and the entire family. I had not met John, but believe he was an amazing man, husband and father based on the way your eyes lit up when you spoke of him. He obviously had a big heart and cared about people. Please know that I am here for you, if you want to talk . You are in my prayers. Your friend, Monika

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**Monika Pasquerello** - June 19, 2010 at 07:58 AM

BB

“ Pat, we are shocked to hear this news. We will keep you and your family in our prayers God will heall all of us

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**Bob and Jenny Burgi** - June 18, 2010 at 11:32 PM

TC

“ Dear Willis Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. We are here if you need anything. Love, Jon and Lori Corley

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**The Corley's** - June 18, 2010 at 01:38 PM

VT

“ Pat, Peace be with you as you mourn the loss of John. A truly great man has been called home. -Vince, Shelley, Mariah and Morgan

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**Vince and Shelley Tyler** - June 18, 2010 at 03:09 AM

DN

“ Dear Pat... You, John and family have been in my thoughts and prayers for many months....I pray that you will continue to have the strength, courage and grace you have displayed throughout John's battle. Should you want to talk, like we have many times, I will be available with a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on. It's very comforting to know that you have the support of a loving family and church. God bless you and your family! Love, Dee and Joe

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**Dee Nixon** - June 17, 2010 at 11:24 PM

PS

“ Our deepest sympathies to you all. You are in our thoughts and in our prayers. With love and sympathy, The Skrmetti Family.

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**Peter Skrmetti** - June 17, 2010 at 10:14 PM

AM

“ Pat and family ~ I am so sorry for your loss. I am lifting you all up in my prayers and will remember in you in the days ahead. Sincerely, Angie Murphy White Oak Elementary

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**Angie Murphy** - June 17, 2010 at 09:51 PM

PS

“ Pat, I have wonderful memories of the years Kristina and Amy played softball together and getting to know you and John and the kids. John always had a smile on his face and truly loved being at the ballpark rooting the kids on! May God be with you and your family during this time.

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**Patti Somerville-Lee and Amy Somerville** - June 17, 2010 at 02:32 PM

SV

“ Pat we are so sorry to hear about John. We hope you and your family are hanging in there. I know how hard it must be for you right now. Our love and prayers are with you and your family always. Lots of Love Susy and Bob Velloza

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**Susy Velloza** - June 17, 2010 at 02:31 PM

JD

“ We're are holding you close in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you a "Peace that passes all understanding".

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**John and Mandy Derrick** - June 17, 2010 at 02:09 PM

JC

“ Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. If you need anything, please reach out to me. John was a wonderful man and I am blessed to have known him. Much Love, Judy

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**Judy Campbell** - June 17, 2010 at 10:56 AM

BT

“ Dear Pat, Kristina, Mitchell and Tyler, I was so heartbroken when I heard about John. I have a million memories of him ranging from softball/baseball years to seeing you both at all of your kids functions at White Oak Elem. and Arnall. I will miss him so much. Call me if you need me for anything. Love, Becky Tucker

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**Becky Tucker** - June 17, 2010 at 09:42 AM

KS

“ Dear Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. If you need anything please let me know. Much love, Kelley

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**Kelley Sorenson** - June 17, 2010 at 09:25 AM

JS

“ Pat, We will be praying for you and your family as you go through this time of grief and saying goodbye to John until you meet him again in Heaven. It was fun doing scouts with you and John and your sons ~ a lot of good memories were made. May God bless you and be with you every step of your days ahead.

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**Jim and Karen Shockey** - June 17, 2010 at 07:39 AM

LZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Roger was my cousin and I remember the many visits at my aunt and uncle's farm (his grandparents) while he was staying with them.  
Lavonne Zeman

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**Lavonne Zeman** - June 16, 2010 at 11:34 PM

LH

“ Pat and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We are here for you if you need anything. May God comfort you and your family during this time.  
Love, Laura and Jason

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**Laura and Jason Hambley** - June 16, 2010 at 04:05 PM

RF

“ Clarice just called and we are so sorry for your loss. Clarice is Richard's first cousin and we lived in MN. when Roger stayed on the farm with his Grandparents. May you be comforted by family and friends and those of us who knew Roger. God grant you peace.  
Richard and Donna Plocher and family Rita Plocher Dockery and family Ruby Plocher Bennett and family Ronald Plocher and family

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**Richard Plocher family** - June 16, 2010 at 03:55 PM

FA

“ Pat, Your WinShape family is lifting you up today and we will continue for the weeks ahead. We love you and stand ready to be there in any way needed. Fran

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**Fran Andrews** - June 16, 2010 at 03:11 PM

SD

“ PAT & FAMILY, SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!! YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LOVE, SUSAN AND JOHN

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**SUSAN & JOHN D'IMPERIO** - June 16, 2010 at 02:52 PM