

## Active Pallbearers

Stewart Kennedy  
DeMarcus Widemon  
Albert Brown  
Bryce Stewart

JerMichael Widemon  
Keldrick Stewart  
Cletus McGee  
Nicholas Kennedy

## Honorary Pallbearers

James Kennedy

Grandsons & Great-Grandsons

Henry Smith

## Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

## Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a flower piece, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you said the kindest words, that any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much -

Whatever the part. Special thanks to her caregivers, Glory Thompson,  
Trinity Mother Frances, & HCN Home Care Network, Palestine, TX.

*The Stewart-Willis Family*

## Interment

Antioch Cemetery

\*\* Due to Covid, there will be no repast. Thank you for your understanding. \*\*



*"No Service Can Compare"*

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# A CELEBRATION OF *Life*



Sunrise:  
December 27, 1934

Sunset:  
March 19, 2022

*Mrs. Mildred Willis*

## Services

**Saturday, March 26, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M.**

**North Star Missionary Baptist Church**

**1518 N. Englewood Ave. Tyler, TX 75702**

Rev. Jerard Mosley Sr.-Pastor

Elder Waymon Stewart- Officiant

Pastor Kenneth Johnson- Eulogist



## *Obituary*

Mildred Joyce Stewart Willis was born on December 27, 1934, to the late Christiania Mackey Dorsey and the late Elvin Pettigrew. Although not her birth father, she was raised and loved by Mr. James Dorsey Sr.

She attended Stanton School and graduated in the Class of 1953; she was valedictorian of her senior class. She attended Whitehouse Church of God in Christ and was baptized at an early age. She later joined Antioch Baptist Church where she was the mother of the church, announcement clerk, a member of the finance committee, and a member of the choir.

Mildred loved art, reading books, played on the girls' basketball team (she threw the ball to the wrong goal and ultimately became the scorekeeper), participated in school plays, she was a member of the Tyler Civitan Club, loved spending time with family, and loved to travel. Most of all she loved the Lord.

She was employed with East Texas Medical Center where she was the executive housekeeping supervisor until her retirement.

She married James Lee Stewart and this union was blessed with seven children. She later married Robert Willis Sr. in 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents Christiania Mackey Dorsey, Elvin Pettigrew, and James Dorsey Sr., sisters LaJoyce Ervin, Lola Faye Williams, Thelma Ray Tennyson and Joyce Cooper, brothers James Dorsey Jr., Wilbert Dorsey, and Pastor Harold Pettigrew.

Mrs. Mildred Willis departed this life on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Trinity Mother Frances.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Robert Willis Sr. of Whitehouse, TX; four sons Bobby Don Stewart of Whitehouse, TX, Jerry Wayne Stewart and James Arthur Stewart of Tyler, TX, and Bruce Earl Stewart (Sherry) of Whitehouse, TX; three daughters Lana Kay Smith (Henry) of Arp, TX, Sharon Kennedy (James) of Tyler, TX, and Karon Starks of Whitehouse, TX; stepdaughters Lillie Faye Willis, Debra Williams, Barbara Hughes (Alvin), Sharon Williams (Ronnie), and DaWanda Austin (Jimmy); stepson Robert Willis Jr. (Sandra); sisters Jettie Smith of Tyler, TX, Carol of Houston, TX, and Marilyn Williams (David) of Tyler, TX; brothers L.D. Dorsey (Virginia) and Tommy Dorsey both Tyler, TX, Walter Dorsey (Lula) and Billy Ray Dorsey both of Whitehouse, TX; sister-in-law's Maxine Dorsey of Bullard, TX, Hattie Willis Gildon of Dallas, TX, Loretta Willis of Troup, TX, and Lessie Willis of Tyler, TX; brother in law Charles Willis of Arlington, TX; 17 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends, and loved ones.

## *Loving Tributes to Our Mother*

Mother always told us to treat people the way they want to be treated.

*Love, Sharon*

You were my sunshine, you made me happy each day I saw you.  
You will forever shine in my heart.

*Love, Kay*

Mom you were a strong, loving, and caring mom and you will be forever missed.

*Love, Bruce*

The greatest gift my mother gave me was the gift of kindness and generosity.

*Love, Karon*

I will miss you very much and will always love you my darling mother. *Love, Bobby Don*

A very loving mother and the best mother.

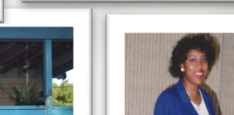
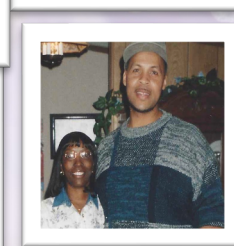
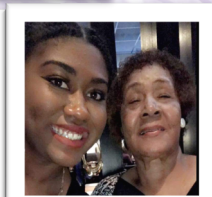
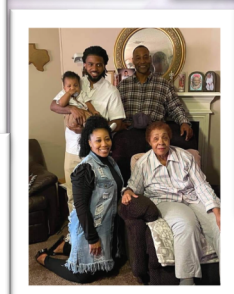
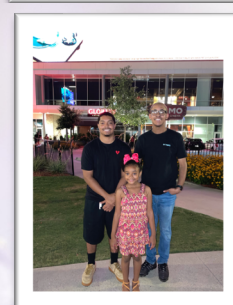
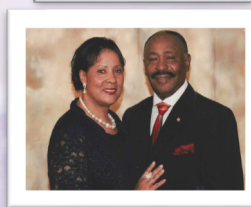
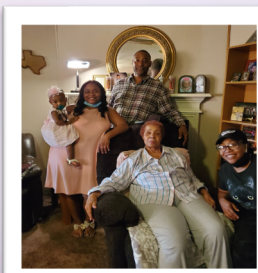
*Love, Jerry*

The Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit and my mom, the loving angel who understood me, the not so perfect child! I love that you loved me, like God, Jesus, and the Spirit, always have and forever more!!

*Love, James Arthur*









## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand  
that an angel came and called my name  
and took me by the hand.

The angel said my place was ready  
in Heaven far above  
and that I'd have to leave behind  
all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's Gates,  
I felt so much at home,  
for God looked down, smiled at me,  
and told me, "Welcome home."

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.



## Order of Service

**Processional**  
**The Ministers, Pallbearers, & Family**  
*Cunningham Funeral Directors in Charge*  
**Elder Waymon Stewart- Officiant**  
Whitehouse Church of God in Christ

**Congregational Hymn....."Every Praise"**

### Scriptures:

**Old Testament.....Rev. Derwin Ford**  
**Little Zion Baptist Church -Whitehouse, TX**

**New Testament.....Rev. Michael Stewart**  
**Associate Pastor**  
**New Hope Baptist Church- Tyler, TX**

**Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Jerard Mosley Sr.**  
**North Star Missionary Baptist Church- Tyler, TX**

**Musical Selection.....Minister of Music TJ Minor**

**Remarks.....Limit Two Minutes, Please**

**Acknowledgements.....Sis. Shatadra Stewart**  
**Granddaughter**

**Resolutions.....Sis. Brenda Stewart & Sis. Patsy McElroy**  
**Antioch Baptist Church, Whitehouse Church of God in Christ, New Life Community Church &**  
**North Star Missionary Baptist Church. Please pass all others to the family.**

**Solo.....Sis. Robin Bell**

**Words of Comfort.....Pastor Kenneth Johnson**  
**Antioch Baptist Church~ Whitehouse, TX**

**Presentation.....Cunningham Directors**

**Final Glimpse til' Glory.....Cunningham Directors**

**Recessional**