



Mr. Walter Linsey Willis

January 24, 1943 - May 6, 2022

Walter Linsey Willis was born on January 24, 1943, in Greenwood, MS to the late Willie and Deova Willis. He was the fourth of six children born to this union. He was educated in the LeFlore County School System and attended Broad Street High School, where he played basketball and tennis. During high school he worked as a caddy for the local country club where he learned the ends and outs of golfing. While caddying, Walter earned money that he used to buy clothes and shoes. He loved to be the best dressed wherever he went even at an early age. Walter was known for being an excellent dancer and dapper dresser. He graduated from high school in 1962. After high school, in April of 1963, Walter joined the United States Air Force. He was stationed in many interesting cities such as Denver, CO and San Francisco, CA. He spent four years in the Air Force, one of which was in Saigon, Vietnam. He was Honorably Discharged from Duty in December of 1966. He moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1969, where he met his future wife Lester (Bobbie) Peavie. To

this union two children were born, Caryn Innette in 1970 and Larissa Genee in 1974 whom he referred to as "baby-girl". Walter worked at General Electric Medical Systems for 33 years before retiring in April of 2003. He was so proud of the work that he produced while working there. He met many lifelong friends there.

He really looked forward to purchasing season tickets to the Milwaukee Bucks home games at the Bradley Center and attended the games with his sports buddy, his oldest daughter Caryn. When they were not at the Bradley Center watching the Bucks play, he would claim the biggest television in the house and watch any sports event that was on at that time, whether it was baseball, basketball, football, golf, or tennis. He was truly an all-around sports fan.

Walter strongly supported military initiatives. He would wear his United States Air Force and Vietnam hats, caps, t-shirts, and jackets to represent being in the military. He was an immensely proud Vietnam Veteran.

In 2018, Walter was fortunate enough to go to Washington, D.C. on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. This flight consisted of mostly Air Force and Vietnam Veterans. That was a trip of a lifetime for him. He was accompanied by his daughter, Caryn who signed him up for this beautiful experience.

Walter leaves to cherish his loving wife of almost 52 years Lester (Bobbie) Willis, daughters Caryn Willis and Larissa Willis both of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Lucy Ellis and

Beverly Gail Willis, both
of Greenwood, MS; in-laws Howard (Beverly) Peavie, Jackson, MS; Ida Pearl
Minor, Hazlehurst, MS;
Bill (Sylvia) Peavie, Jackson, MS; Brenda Peavie (Smith Moore), Woodbury
MN; and many nephews,
nieces, cousins, and friends and a special friend from GE, Hector Rivera.
Walter shall be greatly /]
missed.

Cemetery Details

VA Union Grove Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“ *Our prayers are with all Family Members*

Henrietta Smith - May 21, 2022 at 12:18 AM

TF

“ *The Patterson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Walter Linsey Willis.*



The Patterson Family - May 19, 2022 at 02:26 PM

CP

“ *It's still hard to believe that you are gone. You were always there for your family. I'm going to truly miss you Uncle Walter. You will always be in my heart.*

Love always,

Your niece

Charlotte and The Patterson Family

Charlotte Patterson - May 19, 2022 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ *My prayers goes out to the Patterson and Willis family. God keep you and bless you and comfort you as you go through this loss. Minister Sarita D. Griffin.*

Minister Sarita - May 19, 2022 at 09:58 AM

SA

“ *I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Walter Willis. I truly enjoyed our visits and always looked forward to meeting with him. He was so kind and friendly. I will miss him!*
Sending love to the family and friends. Especially sending love to Walter, I am grateful I got to meet such a beautiful person like you. Find peace and happiness on your next journey. I will never forget you, my friend.
Sandy RN

Sandy - May 18, 2022 at 05:37 PM