



Mr. Hazel Herbert Willis

July 14, 1921 - December 9, 2013

Hazel Herbert Willis, 92, husband of the late Eulalie Angela Constantine passed on Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Tuomey Healthcare System in Sumter. Born in Sumter, SC, he was the son the late Johnnie Willis, Sr. and Vermell Singleton Willis.

He was a graduate of Lincoln High School, Class of 1939 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morris College, Class of 1943. After graduation, he served his country honorably in the United States Army Air Corps and was selected for training as a Tuskegee Airman. After the end of his military tour of duty, he was employed for over 35 years with the District of Columbia Department of Corrections and retired in the position of Major.

Mr. Willis was a lifelong member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities including; the Trustee Board, Administrative Council, Finance Committee, Men's Choir and as President of the United Methodist Men. He served his community as a member of the Good Fellows Organization; Birnie Elks Lodge # 1195, Morris College Alumni Association, Chamber of Commerce, Elite Club and the NAACP. Mr. Hazel was one of the first volunteered participants of the Assisted Rides Program. In 2011, he was awarded for being the Most Active Driver and Rider of the Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government's Assisted Ride Program.

In addition to his parents and beloved wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers; Johnnie Willis, Jr. and Joseph Singleton and one sister Corine

Holland.

Surviving are three children; Herbert Anthony Willis of the home, John Linden (Alzira) Willis of Silver Spring, MD and Noel Paul (Lorie) Patel of Richmond, VA; two grandchildren, Christopher Hazel and Brittany Ingrid Patel and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 pm, Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the Mt Zion United Methodist Church, 130 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29151, with Rev. Doris Bright officiating. Interment will follow in the Hillside Memorial Park. The public may view Friday from 2:00-8:00 pm and the family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm, at the Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 South Main St., Sumter. Mr. Willis will be placed in the church at 1:00 pm until the hour of service. The family will also receive friends at the Willis home on 70 Hawks Cove, Sumter, SC 29150

Please leave a condolence for the family on their memorial website found at: palmermemorialchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Memorial Park

3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Hazel Herbert Willis*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Willis a few years ago in Myrtle Beach & had dinner with he and Herbie ! What a Great man and we are honored that we had the chance to meet him.*



Sincerely, Matt, Marci & Mattison Chmielewski

The Chmielewski's - January 02, 2014 at 07:46 PM



“ *My condolences to the Willis family.
Rita Lovell (Post Office)*

Rita Lovell - December 16, 2013 at 07:02 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Willis. May the God of all comfort, continue to be with you and your family during this difficult time. We all look forward to a time when death will be no more-Rev 21:4.*

Boyd Family - December 16, 2013 at 11:28 AM

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“ *Mr. Willis,
Thank you for all that you taught us at Mt. Zion UMC. You were an
uncle to me, Adrienne, and Albert - and to all of us! Each Sunday
you were an active participant in the life of the church, and
throughout the week you led the church forward to victory in Christ
Jesus. We are all better because you lived and continue to live in
us. Rest well Uncle. Love, The Ford Family - Wedgefield, SC*

Angela Ford Nelson - December 14, 2013 at 07:43 AM

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“ *The Paige Family purchased the Peaceful White
Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Hazel Herbert
Willis.*



The Paige Family - December 13, 2013 at 01:59 PM

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“ *Patricia G. Jefferson lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Hazel Herbert Willis*



Patricia G. Jefferson - December 13, 2013 at 09:19 AM