



Anthony James (Tony) Willis

May 2, 1967 - August 19, 2024

Anthony James (Tony) Willis, 57, passed away on Monday, August 19, 2024. He was born on May 2, 1967 to John and Sandra Willis in Saint Petersburg, Florida. Tony graduated from South Sumter High School in 1985. While there, he was active in the FFA and served as president. He also worked alongside Dr. Mounger at Bushnell Animal Clinic. After high school, Tony began studying to be a vet, but found his true passion working as a lineman. Over time, he moved up to Foreman, General Foreman and Project Manager. Most recently, he worked as an independent sub-contractor with Utility Oversight Services, Inc. as a Safety Man and Quality Control Inspector. Like his daddy and his mama, Tony was a creative and skillful craftsman. Together, the three of them built a successful business designing and constructing one of a kind furniture, lighting and art from antlers and horseshoes. Besides working with his hands, Tony enjoyed the outdoors. He grew up camping, fishing and hunting, and he shared that love with his children. In his early adult years, Tony served the Sumter County community as President of the fair board association. He felt it was important to give back to the community that supported him in his youth. Tony was a family man. His children and grandchildren were his greatest treasures. He is survived by his children, Wyatt (Brooke) Willis, Madison Willis, and a stepson, Colton Craig; his mother, Sandra; his sister Janet (Joseph) Nathe; 6 grandchildren and long term girlfriend, Dolly Butler and her children, Michael and Dylan. He is preceded in death by his father, John Willis. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 6-8 PM at

Purcell Chapel in Bushnell, Florida. A service will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11 AM at Purcell Chapel in Bushnell, Florida with Pastor Daniel Kellum officiating. Interment will follow at Center Hill Cemetery in Center Hill, Florida. Following the interment, the family would like everyone to join them for a reception at the Center Hill Community Center. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.purcellfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home- Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, Florida.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel
114 W Noble Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 793-4531

Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

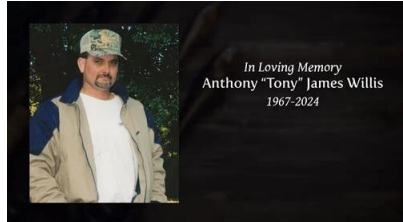
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Following the interment at Center Hill Cemetery, a reception will be held at the Center Hill Community Center.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony James (Tony) Willis*



Beyers Funeral Home - August 24, 2024 at 06:17 PM

AW

So sorry for your loss. God gained another great person and we lost one. Gone way too soon. Prayers for the family.

Annika Wallace - August 27, 2024 at 06:58 AM

CM

Learning of the loss of this great man I knew from many years ago is truly unsettling. To his family and friends, I'm sorry for your incredibly sad loss. May God bless you all.

Chad Meeks / Vero Beach, FL

Chad Meeks - September 01, 2024 at 04:46 PM

CW

“ *The last birthday we celebrated with Tony.*



christy ward - August 27, 2024 at 04:10 PM

CW

“ Cruising will not be the same without you brother. My sister (Dolly) was your lady & you were her man. We are beyond devastated. We will always think of you especially on the holidays & cruises. You sailed away on your greatest Bon Voyage ever.



christy ward - August 27, 2024 at 03:19 PM

WJ

“ Will & Judy Jenkins purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Anthony James (Tony) Willis.



Will & Judy Jenkins - August 27, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LN

“ Our sincere condolences to Tony's family and friends. Hugs and prayers to you. Lynn and Jimbo Nathe

Lynn Nathe - August 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MK

“ My sincere condolences to Tony's entire family. I will always remember him being one of my brother's friends growing up. He was always nice, even to Mark's little sisters. I wish you all peace and comfort during this time. Missi 'McIntosh' Kelsey

Missi Kelsey - August 26, 2024 at 09:58 AM

ZM

“ I will never forget the love Tony showed for my Aunt and the children that I fostered for a short time. Im so glad we have such great memories with him. Gone too soon but will not be forgotten. Prayers for everyone that will miss him.



Zana Miller - August 22, 2024 at 04:01 PM

MD

I don't even know where to begin. My friend, I just can't believe this. My heart goes out to your family...and to Dolly. My goodness. My heart just breaks for all of you. We will be there Wednesday...to honor you and say goodbye.

Martha DiLullo - August 26, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LE

“ So sorry Sandra , Madison, Wyatt, Janet ,Dolly and family .Sending prayers of comfort . Tony has gone to soon. Will always think about him on holiday's liking my chicken and Dumpling. He would take some home for later. He will be missed Love Ya Steve & Lena



lena - August 22, 2024 at 02:19 PM