



Mr. Willis Louis Polk

July 18, 1933 - September 2, 2020

Bro. Willis Louis Polk, 87, of Camden, AR. passed away Wednesday, September 2nd, at Ouachita County Regional Medical Center in Camden, AR.

He was born July 18, 1933 in Camden, Arkansas to the late Oliver Polk and Mimmie Johnson.

Willis united with the Zion Hill Baptist Church at an early age, where he remained a faithful member and served as director of Vacation Bible School for many years.

Willis graduated from Lincoln High School in Camden, Arkansas in 1952. After graduation Willis joined the United States Navy April 16, 1953 and served until 1956 when he was discharged with honorable disability. Before his discharge, Willis served in the Korean War where he received a Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

After discharge from the military Willis attended AM&N College in Pine Bluff Arkansas. He graduated from AM&N in 1956 with a degree in Music. While attending AM&N Willis served as drum-major for the Golden Lions marching band.

Willis was joined in holy matrimony to the late Irma Jean Utsey until God called her to her eternal rest. To this union was added one son Willard Jerome Polk.

Willis united with the Bethel AME Church to worship with his wife, Irma. Willis served as a Steward, and Church School Superintendent, And Class Leader and played Guitar for the church choir. Willis also played and sang with the "Five Clouds of Joy".

Willis was a 32 Mason, and a member of the Queen City CB Club, played softball with Grapette soft-ball team, and functioned in many other social organizations. Willis loved to dress to the max. He was a seamstress, he formed a band called "Little Willie and the Dukes of Savoy".

Willis was preceded in death by his parents the late Oliver and Mammie Polk, his wife of 58 years the late Irma Jean Polk and grand-son the late Harold Polk Jr.

Willis leaves to cherish his memories his two sons Minister Harold Polk (Avis) of Palm Beach, Florida and Willard Jerome Polk of Las Vegas, Nevada. 5 grand-children, 8 great grand children, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Graveside Celebration of Life services with Military Honors will be held Tuesday, September 8th, 2020, at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery in Camden, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home. Rev. Gregory C. Nettles eulogist.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, "Everyone Is Required To Wear A Mask While Attending The Services". This ensures safety for you and others. Thank

you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Memorial Cemetery

502 N. Adams St.
Camden, AR 71701

Previous Events

Graveside service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GE

“ My prayers and thoughts goes out to the Polk family. May God continue to bless and comfort you all.

Gwendolyn Easley - September 08, 2020 at 12:37 PM

ZC

“ In John 14: 1-3, Jesus encourages us to “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you;”

Brother Polk will be remembered for his service to family, community, and the Kingdom of God.

He always had a word for you, filled with his humor and wisdom. He will be greatly missed.

We, the Zion Hill Baptist Church Family, extend words of encouragement to the family in their time of sorrow. You are in our sincere prayers.

Bishop C.L. Thompson, Jr., Senior Pastor

Mrs. Michele McDonald, Church Clerk

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Camden - September 08, 2020 at 12:29 PM



VC

“ Vacie, Elizabeth & Marilyn , Condolences lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk

vacie, Elizabeth & Marilyn , Condolences - September 07, 2020 at 09:17 PM



CW

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Claudia Williams - September 07, 2020 at 03:30 PM

IT

“ *Ida Tramble
Condolences to the Polk family.*

Ida Tramble - September 07, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ *Joyce Carey lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Willis Louis Polk*



joyce carey - September 07, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JA

“ *Joe And Peggy Askew lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Joe and Peggy Askew - September 06, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MW

“ *My condolences to the family! Willis, my friend, you will certainly be missed by all who knew you. You, my husband Bill Scott, your wife Jean (my best friend) and I were very close. We broke bread together on many occasions and enjoyed every moment. I will not say goodbye because we will surely meet again and enjoy our Heavenly Home. So Willis, you, Jean and Bill save a seat for me!!!!*
RIP

*Always,
Mae Scott & Family*

Mae Scott - Seattle, Washington - September 06, 2020 at 01:20 AM

DA

“ *Condolences to the Polk family*



Don & Nathalene Armstrong - September 05, 2020 at 09:14 PM

OJ

“ *Olliemarie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Olliemarie Jackson - September 05, 2020 at 07:58 PM

LH

Miss my neighbor and friend. He help me a lot when my brother passed. My prayers goes ou that family. He will be truly missed. he was like a second father to me and my brother. RIP

LILLIE HAMPTON - September 06, 2020 at 09:53 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences. Mr. Polk was always so sweet and funny when he came into save a lot. He always brought a smile and kind words, followed by a hug. You will forever be missed! RIP!

Michelle Sellers - September 05, 2020 at 07:18 PM

TM

“ My deepest condolences to the Polk Family.



Theresa Mills-Armstrong - September 05, 2020 at 02:46 PM

PW

“ Forever cherished in my heart are the wonderful Annual Conferences, Revivals, Musicals and fellowship I shared with Mr. Willis Polk and his beautiful wife Mrs. Irma. The privilege of crossing paths with both shall be in my hearts treasures for eternity.
Patrice M. Dunn Williams Weaver



Patrice Weaver - September 05, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LM

He will be missed, our neighbor for almost 48 yrs. Prayers to the family.
Clarence & Loretta McKinney.

Loretta McKinney - September 05, 2020 at 01:22 PM

SG

Willis Polk will be totally missed. He was a man that left his impact on a lot of people. A known person to quite a few.
Rest on uncle Willis!!!!!!! Love you much 💕💕

Sandra Gulley - September 05, 2020 at 02:34 PM

DA

Willis Polk is a guy that easily connected with the soul and spirit of anybody in his presence for more than 5 minutes. That is a gift that he has. I won't use past tense, because I know he is still doing what came natural for him.

Don Armstrong - September 05, 2020 at 07:31 PM

JP

My heart hurts because I will forever miss my cousin. But, I know that he will be eternally happy because he will be with the love of his life, Jean, and his Mother, Aunt Mammie. The Polk family has lost an important member and I personally will forever miss his presence in my life. I know that you and Dad will sing with the Angels.

Jean Polk - September 05, 2020 at 08:06 PM

CW

“ *Curtis & Clada Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Curtis & Clada Williams - September 05, 2020 at 11:46 AM

EA

“ *Essie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Essie Arnold - September 05, 2020 at 11:17 AM

MW

“ Marie Wingfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk



Marie Wingfield - September 05, 2020 at 02:33 AM

RY

“ Rev. Richard A. YANCEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk



Rev. Richard A. YANCEY - September 05, 2020 at 01:10 AM

RY

“ My condolences and prayers 🙏 to the Polk family. I remember him as a Wonderful gentleman. He certainly will be missed. Rest in Peace and Power!

Rev. Richard A. YANCEY - September 05, 2020 at 01:08 AM

RM

“ Reverend Ruthie Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk



Reverend Ruthie Murphy - September 04, 2020 at 09:43 PM

ML

“ *Rest In Peace friend*

marilyn lee - September 04, 2020 at 09:30 PM

HA

My condolences to the Polk family. Willis and Jean was my neighbors since 1996. Willis was our neighborhood watchman when I lived in Camden, a friend who was never lost for words. He will be truly missed.

Hattie Alexander - September 08, 2020 at 11:31 AM

BW

“ *Betty Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Betty Watson - September 04, 2020 at 08:39 AM

CS

“ *Chris & Nici Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Chris & Nici Smith - September 03, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willis Louis Polk*



Sherry Marshall - September 03, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CS

Mr. Polk was a joyful man and lived life to the fullest. He sang with our family and played that bass guitar. We will truly miss him. Love you, Cathey Swoboda

Cathey Paschal Swoboda - September 05, 2020 at 12:12 AM

TC

Condolences to the Polk family 🙏🙏🙏 From The Toney Family. Carthage, Arkansas

Toney family Carthage,Arkansas - September 06, 2020 at 12:11 AM

ES

Mr. Polk Was my idol when he design and made clothes. He was one of the best Steppers at Lincoln high School band and always well groomed, Camden will not be the same without Willis Polk. His lost is Heaven's gain.

Earlene Smith Class of 1957

Earlene Smith - September 06, 2020 at 06:27 PM

MN

Mr. Polk was Happy go Lucky and well dressed

Mary (Washington) Noel

Class Of 1957

Mary Noel - September 06, 2020 at 06:32 PM