



## Elizabeth Byrd Willis

August 22, 1994 - August 24, 2014

Elizabeth Byrd Willis, 20, of 111 Wilton Ave died Sunday, August 24, 2014 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born in Danville, VA on August 22, 1994, the daughter of Steven Byrd Willis and Jane Slayton Willis, who survive.

Elizabeth was a 2012 honor graduate of Chatham High School and was currently a student at Averett University. She worked as a receptionist for Barkhouser Ford Lincoln and was a member of West Main Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents of the residence she is survived by a step-sister, Wendy Cook, and her beloved dogs, Gracie and Kirby.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Lipscomb & Christine Byrd Willis; her maternal grandparents, H.I. "Happy" & Chloe Bailey Slayton; a cousin, Brittany Willis.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 11: 00 am from West Main Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Bruce Wilson.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:30

pm at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel and at other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Averett University.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Willis family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
info@wrenn-yeatts.com  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Main Baptist Church  
450 West Main Street  
Danville, VA 24541

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ Elizabeth had a wonderful reunion with her grandparents and her cousin. I thought the world of Mr and Mrs Willis and I remember when Elizabeth would come to the Danville Farmer's Market to see her grandparents. She was always with a smile and a kind word. May God give you inner peace in the days to come to get through this trying time in your life! You are in my prayers and thoughts.

*Christeen Knight and the Knight Family*

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**Christeen Knight** - September 14, 2014 at 09:57 AM

AR

“ May the family of dear Elizabeth find comfort in knowing that she now rests, awaiting the day Jesus calls for "all" in the grave to come out. (John 5:28, 29) She will awaken to life on earth when sickness, suffering, and death are no more. (Psalm 37:29; Isaiah 33:24; Revelation 21:4) As you await this grand time, take advantage of Jehovah God's invitation to "throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 83:18) He is said to be "close to the brokenhearted; he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) If you would like more information as to the condition and future of those that have fallen asleep in death, please visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org). Take care and please accept my sincerest condolences.

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**Aries** - August 29, 2014 at 08:19 PM

AS

“ Elizabeth, so much charm, so much personality. We will all both miss her and remember her fondly. Our deepest sympathy. Jo and Skip Silvers

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**Arthur Silvers** - August 27, 2014 at 09:31 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Elizabeth. It is just hard to believe. I just found out this evening. Although I did not know Elizabeth but only just met her a few times I know she was your world. You guys are in my thoughts.

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**Cristy and Frank Worsham** - August 27, 2014 at 08:58 PM

HT

“ Jane and Steve my deepest sympathy go out to you and the family. I will have you in my prayers.

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**H.Lee Taylor** - August 27, 2014 at 03:54 PM

JR

“ Steve & Jane,

*Our hearts ache so for this untimely loss of your daughter Elizabeth. May God walk with you through this tough time of sorrow and while it is so tough right now that with HIM and your friends it will help ease some of the pain and suffering you all are experiencing.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!*

*With deepest sympathies,*

*John & Betty*

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**John Rutledge** - August 27, 2014 at 02:36 PM

JB

“ *Jamie Billings lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis*



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**Jamie billings** - August 27, 2014 at 12:14 PM

KH

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and strength during your time of loss.*

*Kara Hankins  
Averett University  
Student Financial Services Counselor- Transfer Students*

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**Kara Hankins** - August 27, 2014 at 09:15 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis*



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**Lisa Carter** - August 26, 2014 at 04:50 PM

LC

“ *So sad to hear of your loss. She is in God's hands now. Mat God be with your family during this time.*

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**Lisa Carter** - August 26, 2014 at 04:45 PM

ML

“ Jane and Steve....my heart aches for you. May God wrap his arms around you tightly. Will be keeping you in my prayers...

Myra Lester - August 26, 2014 at 02:58 PM

YH

“ What a radiant, beautiful young lady. May God uplift and carry you through this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.  
Yvonne, Lloyd & Brianna Hess

Yvonne Hess - August 26, 2014 at 02:16 PM

MS

“ Jane and Steve, my heart goes out to the both of you.  
mike Shelton

mike shelton - August 26, 2014 at 02:07 PM

SM

“ She was a beautiful girl. She was taken to soon. I can still see her smile when we all went to topsail beach and we waited for the sea turtles to hatch We will be here for your mom and dad prayers love u sherry and dean

sherry and dean maher - August 26, 2014 at 01:34 PM

KS

“ Kathy Setliff lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis



Kathy Setliff - August 26, 2014 at 01:08 PM

KS

“ Jane & Steve, My heart aches for you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Setliff

Kathy Setliff - August 26, 2014 at 01:06 PM

LT

“ Jane and Steve,  
There are no words - just know our hearts are broken for you.  
Laurie, Allen, Carley and Morgan Taylor

Laurie Taylor - August 26, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MM

“ Margaret Humphrey Motley lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis



Margaret Humphrey Motley - August 26, 2014 at 09:51 AM

DA

“ Jane and Steve we are so sorry for your loss and pray that friends can help ease your pain. Will keep you in our prayers during this sad time.  
Darlene and Billy

Darlene/Billy - August 26, 2014 at 09:11 AM

AM

“ Jane & Steve, there is nothing that we can say or do to ease the pain in your heart from the loss of your daughter Elizabeth. All we can do is keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Andrea & Leroy Miller - August 26, 2014 at 08:59 AM

RL

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Willis- there simply are not adequate words to express our sorrow over Elizabeth's untimely death. Our daughter, Amanda, was friends and classmates with Elizabeth and she, too, is heartbroken over her passing. Our hearts ache for your family, our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. The Lollis'

R. Daron Lollis - August 26, 2014 at 08:56 AM

JC

“ God be with you and Steve. Only God can walk with you through this difficult season of your life. Friends and family will help. I am always willing to talk just call. Love and prayers are going up.



Janice Carter - August 26, 2014 at 08:21 AM

SN

“ Mr. & Mrs. Willis, I am sorry to hear of your loss, you and your family are in my prayers.

Susan Newcomb  
Associate Director of Student Accounts  
Averett University

Susan Newcomb - August 26, 2014 at 07:59 AM

KH

“ We were so very sorry to hear about the death of your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.



kenny wanda hamlett - August 26, 2014 at 07:52 AM

LM

“ Love, Nancy Mayhew purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Byrd Willis.



Love, Nancy Mayhew - August 26, 2014 at 07:28 AM

KA

“ Karie lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis



karie - August 26, 2014 at 07:18 AM

JP

“ Jane & Steve our thoughts & prayers are with you..... Terry & Jackie Pleasant

Jackie Pleasant - August 26, 2014 at 07:11 AM

TA

“ Tony, Lynn!Sarah And Kate Adcock lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis



Tony, Lynn!Sarah and Kate Adcock - August 26, 2014 at 06:41 AM

AF

“ Praying for your family. May God give you strength and peace. Elizabeth and Aaron still talked regularly. Forever in our hearts! The Abts Family (Dave, Kim, Aaron & Ashlyn)

Abts Family - August 26, 2014 at 05:36 AM



“ Steve and Jane. so sorry to hear about your beautiful daughter. May God heal your hearts. Phillip Wells

Johnny Dollar - August 25, 2014 at 10:58 PM

TL

“ Tracey Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis



Tracey Lewis - August 25, 2014 at 10:30 PM

CW

“ STEVE AND JANE, My sincere sympathy and prayers to you at this time. May God give you comfort on the sad loss of your daughter. Courtney Wyatt

Courtney Wyatt - August 25, 2014 at 09:55 PM

CT

“ Dear Willis family,  
You are in my prayers as you go through this difficult time. May God comfort you in your sorrow. I will always remember what a sweet girl she was at Sacred Heart. I know she will be missed by many.  
Love, Chris Tyburski (Mrs. T)

Chris Tyburski - August 25, 2014 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Byrd Willis.*



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August 25, 2014 at 09:28 PM



“ *She and Drew were the original every class together guys, from preschool until middle school. She always had a smile. Sweet angel girl.*

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**Cindy Bailey** - August 25, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ *Deborah Guill Whitlow lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis*



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**Deborah Guill Whitlow** - August 25, 2014 at 08:16 PM



“ *Jane and Steve,  
You are in our prayers and may God be with you to help you through this darkest hour.  
Bill and Brenda Floyd*

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**brenda** - August 25, 2014 at 08:16 PM

LM

“ Willis you were one gorgeous and outgoing young lady! It's hard to believe that you are still gone!! Rest In Paradise! <3 #ClassOf2012

Lakeeyah Mullins - August 25, 2014 at 07:45 PM

SS

“ May God surround you with His loving arms and give you comfort and strength in the days, months and years to come.  
I cannot even imagine the heartache you are experiencing at this time. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Sally Scarce

Sally Scarce - August 25, 2014 at 07:08 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Byrd Willis.



August 25, 2014 at 07:02 PM

LA

“ I remember going to Mom & Me Pow Wow with GA's. Jane & Elizabeth, Donna and Emily Comperand Sarah Adcock and myself. We made great memories and it was a great fellowship. I feel privilidged to have known Elizabeth! No words can be said to express this tragic loss

Lynn Adcock - August 25, 2014 at 06:56 PM

DD

“ So sorry for you loss, no words can express the loss of a child.  
Praying for you and your family.

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dee dee - August 25, 2014 at 06:46 PM

NM

“ Steve and Jane, my heart, prayers and condolences are with you. It breaks my heart for the loss of such a beautiful soul. I know there are no words at this time that can ease the pain and heartbreak you all are going through, but just know that there are a lot of folks out there that are praying that your faith and their love and support will help you through your darkest hours.

With love and sympathy, Nancy

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Nancy Mayhew - August 25, 2014 at 04:37 PM

BG

“ Jane and Steve,  
We were just devastated to hear of Elizabeth's tragic accident. There is nothing that we can say except we are praying for you and Steve and our thoughts and prayers will be with you for the many days ahead. May God's Grace be with both of you during this difficult time.

Betty Ann, Lin and Ryne Gammon

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Betty Ann gammon - August 25, 2014 at 04:35 PM

SF

“ *Sheryl & Kim (Michael/Lake family) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth Byrd Willis.*



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**Sheryl & Kim (Michael/Lake family)** - August 25, 2014 at 03:09 PM



“ *Brenda Cox lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Byrd Willis*



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**Brenda Cox** - August 25, 2014 at 01:50 PM

SM

“ *Steve and Jane  
My heart breaks for you, may God be with you in your time of need.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Susan and Courtney Mustain*

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**Susan Mustain** - August 25, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ *Steve and Jane, it breaks my heart to think of your loss. She was such a delightful young lady and the void she leaves behind can never be filled. I enjoyed watching her grow up being nurtured by your love and adoration. You will be ever present in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest condolences, Brenda Cox RDH.*

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**Brenda Cox** - August 25, 2014 at 01:02 PM

SB

“ *My heart breaks for you, Jane and Steve. Can say no more. God be with you. Love, Shirley*

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**Shirley M. Bailey** - August 25, 2014 at 11:35 AM

VH

“ *Dear Steve and Jane,  
Thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. There are no words to express how we feel at this time.  
Love,  
Paul and Van*

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**Van Holt** - August 24, 2014 at 09:31 PM