



## Tommy Willis

June 16, 2017

On Friday, June 16, 2017, Tommy Willis earned his eternal reward and met our Lord and Savior face to face. He joined his oldest son, John Thomas, for their first Father's Day together in heaven.

Tommy loved his wife, cherished his children, honored his parents, helped his friends and served his church in every way possible. To know Tommy is to love him and Tommy was loved by so many people, in so many places.

Tommy Willis never met a stranger and burst into any room, anywhere with a smile and a story for everyone. His first love was Lisa Stowe Willis and his children, Taylor Willis, Matthew Willis and Zachary Willis.

Tommy graduated from Lee College in 1991 and has pursued his passion for trumpet playing from the Lee Singers, to the Spurlows, to every Choir and Orchestra of every Church of God, he ever attended. He grew up in Danville, Va. at River Oak Church of God and while in Cleveland, Tenn. he attended Westmore Church of God. He will be loved and missed by his immediate family, his Church family, his Orchestra family, his Operation Compassion family and his God's Pit Crew family.

He was preceded in death by Robert and Virgie Hall, grandparents; Walter and Mary Frances Willis, grandparents; and John Thomas Willis, son. He is survived by family members, Lisa Willis, Taylor Willis, Matthew Thomas and

Autumn Willis, Zachary Thomas Willis, Tommy and Betty Willis, Sr., Robin and Chip Lawrence, and Caleb and Grace Lawrence.

A graveside service will be conducted on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Danville Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel.

Serving as pallbearers will be Matthew Willis, Zachary Willis, Joshua Queen, Daniel Queen, Caleb Lawrence, Franklin Durden, Zach Brooks, Stacy Beaty, and Nick Sapounakes.

Family has requested the In Lieu of Flowers, please send Donations to Operation Compassion, 114 Stuart Road, PO Box 370, Cleveland, TN 37312.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens  
510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dawn Rose lit a candle in memory of Tommy Willis



Dawn Rose - June 24, 2017 at 10:48 AM

GL

“ Prayers are going up for you and your family. Gwen Law-stover.

GWEN LAW-STOVER - June 21, 2017 at 08:20 AM

PM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Lisa. You are loved. May God direct your path, and give you strength beyond understanding.



Pamels Yeatts Matherly - June 20, 2017 at 05:31 PM

JJ

“ I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT TOMMY. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. SINCERELY, JOHN YEATTS



JOHN H YEATTS JR - June 20, 2017 at 11:13 AM

LF

“ Lisa & Family,

*Words can not express how our heart feels for you during this time of loss. We did not know Tommy as well as we knew you but was getting to know him and one thing we can say is that "We knew he was a Gem". We loved the smile he had for each and every person he encountered. We loved the way he played the trumpet with such passion for the Lord. You and your family are in our prayers. May God comfort and give you strength through the memories you have of your life together.*

*Bill & Linda Finch*

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**Linda Finch** - June 20, 2017 at 08:34 AM

CB

“ LISA, I AM SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND, FRIEND, COMPANION, AND LOVER. MY WORDS CAN NEVER FILL THAT VOID OR REPLACE YOUR MEMORIES OF YOUR TIME WITH HIM. MAY GOD KEEP YOU IN HIS HANDS AND SHOWER YOU WITH THE LOVE OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM HERE TO ETERNITY. WE PRAY FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY. LOVE

*CHERYL SCARCE BOWMAN, YOUR COUSIN, AND JASON BOWMAN MY SON.*

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**CHERYL S. BOWMAN** - June 20, 2017 at 07:01 AM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of employing Tommy as a teenager. I saw him just last month and he as always was the same youthful young man I adored. He has always been a joyful, loving person. Always that big smile and eager to share a funny store or impart his "wisdom". My heart breaks for all as he has left an emptiness too big to fill. Thoughts and prayers Lisa, Betty, Tommy and Robin. My love to you all ... Judy Badgett

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**Judy Badgett** - June 19, 2017 at 10:03 PM

BH

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the family .



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**Bobby & Barbara Hill** - June 19, 2017 at 08:16 PM

CM

“ I met Tommy Willis Twenty plus years ago, Randy Johnson myself and our families made a trip to Oklahoma where a tornado had hit, this was the start of God's Pit Crew, we were pulling three trailers, Tommy had a lot going for him, a beautiful family, young, strong didn't mind working to get the job done and he did, to me Tommy Willis Jr. was one of the Special one's he was my friend, Rest in Peace friend.

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**Clyde Mangum** - June 19, 2017 at 01:38 PM