



## Elizabeth Jewell Willis

November 15, 1947 - December 17, 2017

LANCASTER, SC ~ Mrs. Elizabeth Short Willis, age 70, went to be with the Lord Sunday, December 17, 2017 at her home. She was born November 15, 1947 in Pound, VA to the late Samuel Short and Maudie Baldwin Short. She married her high school sweetheart, Dennis Willis, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. She enjoyed reading, traveling with her husband, and loved spending time with her granddaughter, Shanna. She loved the Lord and was an active member of Lancaster Second Baptist Church, especially the AWANA program.

Mrs. Willis is survived by her husband, Dennis Willis; a daughter, Kristi Hegler (Dave) of Kershaw, SC; granddaughter, Shanna Hegler (her pride and joy) of Kershaw; sisters, Mary Cantrell (Ron) of Beavercreek, OH, Sue Sturgill (Roger) of Whittier, NC and Carolyn South (David) of Wise, VA.

Mrs. Willis was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Denise Willis; her parents; three brothers, James C. Shortt, Bill Short, and Bob Shortt; three sisters, Melba Balsink, Ruth Chaney, and Marlene Short.

The Celebration of Life Funeral Service for Mrs. Willis will be 6:00 pm Tuesday evening, December 19, 2017 at The Chapel of Burgess Funeral Home in Lancaster, SC by Rev. Larry Helm. Visitation will be one hour before the service, from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, at the funeral home.

The family will receive friends and family from 12:30 - 1:30 pm Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, WV. Graveside services for Mrs. Willis will be 2:00 pm Thursday at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA officiated by Minister Buddy Goins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Lancaster Second Baptist Church Building Fund, 1426 Great Falls Highway, Lancaster, SC 29720

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grandview Memory Gardens  
Bluefield, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Jewell Willis

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Although our life paths crossed many times, I didn't get to know Elizabeth and Dennis until our work brought us together in the mid 90's. Throughout the decades I have come to know them and count them as the closest of friends. I enjoyed many hours of conversation and fellowship with Elizabeth, laughs and tears abundantly and always sharing our faith. God speed.

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**David Curry** - December 20, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ Elizabeth and Dennis came to our city (Lancaster, S.C.) only a few years ago, but their lives have made a great impact on our community, and especially on Lancaster Second Baptist Church, particularly the church's AWANA ministry. Donna and I are saddened that the light of Elizabeth's presence is so soon removed from us, and we are praying for Dennis, Kristi, Shanna, and the entire extended family. May God bless you all during this difficult time. We look forward to seeing Elizabeth again someday.

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**Harold and Donna Ward** - December 20, 2017 at 10:33 AM