



## Ronald Willis

June 7, 1944 - April 24, 2022

Ronald Lee Willis, 77, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Ron was born June 7, 1944, the son of Walter and Evelyn Pederson Willis. Ron grew up in North Dakota where he met his wife, Linda Mjoen; they married in 1965. The couple moved to Topeka in 1976 joining Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Ron retired as president of Pella Windows of Kansas. Though that was his career, music was his thing. He loved music. Ron played guitar and sang in bands from high school days until the late 1980s when he played in a local band, Burlingame Road. He enjoyed teaching music and was a mentor to many.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; sons, Scott (Lisa) and Jason (Lori); daughter-in-law, Janet Stueve-Willis; grandchildren, Austin (Martha), Tyler (Rebecca), Kori, Taylor, Mason and Jake; great-grandchildren, Augustus and Crew; and his brother, Doyle. Ron was preceded in death by his son, Wayne and brothers, Walter, Steve, Jerry and James.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Service may be viewed online at the Church's website [www.youtube.com/oursaviorslutheranchurchtopeka](http://www.youtube.com/oursaviorslutheranchurchtopeka)

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021

SW 29th Street, Topeka KS 66611.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
2021 SW 29th Street  
Topeka, KS 66611

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Willis



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 28, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ Ron and I played guitar together many a night- when he and I lived in Maryland Heights MO down the street from one and other. I was a quite a bit younger than he but our love of the instrument and music in general made us fast friends for those years in St. Lou. He introduced me to Chet Atkins who dropped by one weekend and I got to see to see old Chester play "Country Gentleman" and a few other tunes that made him famous- which was quite the thrill for a 14 year old novice picker as it where. I visited Ron once some years later while he and his family lived in Columbia (where my younger brother lives to this day) but lost track of him after that. I think of him often.

*Dr Jack Heath MD  
American Inventor  
Recording Artist  
Humanitarian*



Jack Heath - April 13, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Ronald Willis*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Linda, My thoughts and prayers are with you and you and your family have my sincere sympathy. We were neighbors to Ron, his Mom and brothers, growing up on the farm north of Souris. I loved Ron and his family from the first day we met and then you took him away - I was about 7 years old when you guys got married. Ron always gave his best to everyone. The memorial service was beautiful. Vonda (Backman) Berg*

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**Vonda Berg** - May 04, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Linda and family: We were shocked and saddened to hear about Ron's passing. We have many fond memories of the Burlingame Road days, and our late-night/early-morning breakfasts. We pray that God gives you peace and comfort through this most difficult time, and May Ron rest in eternal peace in God's loving presence. The service was beautiful. - Elly and Jerry Tapee*

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**Elly-Jerry Tapee** - May 01, 2022 at 07:29 PM

VC

“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to be able to play golf with Wayne and Ron and enjoyed both of them laughing and joking around, needless to say it was never a dull moment. Ron was always smiling and such a kind, giving person. I am still trying to learn to play the guitar because of Ron and Wayne and when I am able to play my first song, I will be playing in memory of both of them.

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Valerie Coyazo

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**valerie coyazo** - April 29, 2022 at 12:16 PM

JT

“ Linda... words cannot express how saddening it was to hear this... Ron was by far one of the kindest men I've ever known... and by far a favorite of mine! Your beautiful fun filled life with him will hopefully guide you through this incredibly difficult time.

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**Julie Toomay** - April 29, 2022 at 10:53 AM

JR

“ Sorry for your loss. Sympathy to your family. Ron was a neighbor of mine growing up, Bill & Shirley Bowers. He stayed at my grandparents home when going to the forestry in Bottineau. My thoughts and prayers. Judy (Bowers) Ramsden



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**Judy Ramsden** - April 29, 2022 at 10:02 AM

MH

“ My brother in Christ in our home.nlogspot.com and my fellow tenor at oslctopeka.org

*I'll be singing with you in heaven someday ...*

*We have been through 50 years together as a family and have MANY Many MANY memories together*

*Visit Facebook group name old farm church also to share photos / videos.*

*I'll be the lone tenor again at our choir named Grace notes.*

*Signed,*

*Your brother in Christ*

*Myron*

*785-272-4986 landline*

*785-554-0305 my cell*

*Leave a voicemail no scamming allowed except from you Ron 🎵*

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**Myron Holter** - April 28, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



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April 28, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.*



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April 28, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.*



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April 27, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Linda & Family,  
So sorry for your loss. Ron was a great guy and so fun to be around. He will be dearly missed by all.*

*Brent and Diane Wilkins*

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**Brent Wilkins** - April 27, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *I will miss Ron very much. He taught me how to play the guitar. His love of music was such a great gift. We have lots of fond memories of going to the dances with his band, Burlingame Rd. So many great memories going to Pomona Lake. Ron touched so many lives. We will miss him in choir and New Dimensions. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers to Linda, Scott and family, Jason and family. We love you.*

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**Sally Holter** - April 27, 2022 at 06:01 PM

JB

“ Jason, Lori and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Ron was a great man.  
Chad & Jen Brading

Jen Brading - April 27, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JL

“ Judette, Alyssa, Damian Kaitlynn, Lucero purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ronald Willis.



Judette, Alyssa, Damian Kaitlynn, Lucero - April 27, 2022 at 05:23 PM

MH

“ Myron Holter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Willis



Myron Holter - April 27, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



April 27, 2022 at 01:46 PM

SR

“ Sue Rohleder lit a candle in memory of Ronald Willis



Sue Rohleder - April 27, 2022 at 09:33 AM

MA

“ Sorry to hear of Ron's passing My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏  
🙏 Marilyn Anderson



Marilyn Anderson - April 27, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



April 27, 2022 at 08:17 AM

JH

“ I was stunned when I heard this. And I cried. What a great friend and he always welcomed people into his life and his house. Jep Haynes

Jep Haynes - April 27, 2022 at 06:40 AM

KA

“ Linda and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Pflaum

Kathy - April 26, 2022 at 09:51 PM

KJ

“ Always was a nice man. Singing and playing music. Our sympathies to Linda and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kathy and Kristene Jespersen - April 26, 2022 at 09:45 PM

AN

“ I didn't know Ron well but any time i saw him he was smiling.

anita - April 26, 2022 at 09:02 PM

BW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a very kind and special man. Ron was a father figure to Andrew through his junior high and high school years and I'm eternally grateful for your family including him in so many special activities. Know our family grieves with you.

Barb Weians - April 26, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



April 26, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



April 26, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



April 26, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Willis.



April 26, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Trevor and Becca Tast purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Ronald Willis.



**Trevor and Becca Tast** - April 26, 2022 at 03:48 PM