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Judith “Judy” (Taylor) Willis, a devoted wife, mother, Nana, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully surrounded by those who loved her most. She was 74.

Judy was born on December 8, 1950, in Caney, Oklahoma to Dorothy and Rappolee Taylor. She grew up there alongside her siblings Kathy, Buck, and Donna, and always held her family close to her heart.

Judy spent her life pouring into others—whether through her career as a dedicated secondary math teacher in both Oklahoma and Texas, or through the deep, lasting friendships she formed everywhere she went. She spent many years teaching at Durant High School, where her impact was so strong that former students still kept in touch, even visiting her in her last days. That’s just who she was.

Judy was a woman of deep faith and spent over 30 years as a member at Northwest and later Durant Church of Christ. She also cherished her church family in Port Isabel, Texas, where she and Gene spent treasured time near the beach she loved so much. Her annual month-long stays in South Padre

were a tradition she held dear—sunshine, waves, and walks by the water.

She was known for her love of fashion, country music (especially Alan Jackson and Clay Underwood), dedication to walking four miles every day, traveling, and simply spending time with her friends. Judy had the unique gift of making everyone feel special. She always had a compliment ready and genuinely meant every word. She didn't just have friends—she made people feel like they mattered.

Above all, Judy's greatest joy was her family. She was married to Gene Willis for over 50 years, a testament to her patience and devotion. She was the proud mother of Krystal, Amber, and Mary Beth, and a deeply loved Nana to Ethan, Aynsley, Catherine, and Sammie. Her love for them was constant and fierce. She loved nothing more than a visit or phone call from her grandchildren.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness—plus a community of friends and loved ones who were lucky enough to know her and hear her say “I love you” and know that she meant it.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 30th, at Brown's Funeral Home chapel with Ministers Layne Heitz and Logan Cates officiating. Interment will follow at Gethsemane Cemetery in Caddo with Aynsley Ludrick, Ethan Jordan, Billy Whisenhunt, Jimmy Gray, Russell Gray and JR Roberts serving as pallbearers.

The Willis family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 29th, from 6-8 PM at Brown's Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/YQD929MJ458S87J6>

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Cemetery

Cemetery Rd
Caddo, OK 74729

Previous Events

Family and Friends Visitation

JUL **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701
(580) 920-0393
info@brownsfuneralservice.com
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - July 28, 2025 at 03:25 PM

BP

“ *Teaching at Durant High with Judy was such a blessing! She covered up my poor math skills with her exceptional math ability. Judy's quiet demeanor and patience made our kiddos feel comfortable and loved. She took the time to explain things so they could understand. So grateful I had the privilege to work with her, and having her as a sister in Christ was icing on the cake. Our world has lost an angel.*

Becky Peterson

Becky Peterson - July 28, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ 77 files added to the album Gallery of pictures



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - July 28, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Walker/Hill Lifegroup, First McKinney purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



Walker/Hill Lifegroup, First McKinney - July 28, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Walker/Hill Lifegroup, First McKinney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.

Walker/Hill Lifegroup, First McKinney - July 28, 2025 at 11:14 AM

RI

“ Russ, Brent & Izzy purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



Russ, Brent & Izzy - July 27, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RI

“ Russ, Brent & Izzy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.

Russ, Brent & Izzy - July 27, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



July 27, 2025 at 01:53 PM

TJ

“ The Jordans purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



The Jordans - July 27, 2025 at 11:58 AM

TJ

“ The Jordans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.

The Jordans - July 27, 2025 at 11:58 AM

ME

“ Extending our sincere sympathy to all family members. Judy was a very sweet Christian lady.

Dan and Mary England

Mary England - July 26, 2025 at 04:50 PM

CM

“ CHARLENE, JACKIE, MARVIN purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



CHARLENE, JACKIE, MARVIN - July 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM

TC

“ Taylor cousins purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



Taylor cousins - July 25, 2025 at 04:01 PM

TC

“ Taylor cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.

Taylor cousins - July 25, 2025 at 04:01 PM

TG

“ The Whisenhunt girls. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Judith "Judy" (Taylor) Willis.



The Whisenhunt girls. - July 25, 2025 at 02:59 PM

MA

“ My fondest memory is when she would come over to the house to play cards when we were all young. Never met a nicer person. Always smiling and happy.

Marsha Alford - July 25, 2025 at 02:46 PM