



William Luther Harris Jr.

September 8, 1940 - August 21, 2014

Willie John Harris Jr. 73, of Durant, was born September 8, 1940 to William Luther Sr. and Mary Louise (Thompson) Harris. Willie John passed from this life on August 21, 2014 at his home in Durant at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 13 days.

Willie John graduated from Durant High School and married Hildegard Kriesel on February 18, 1979 in Durant. Willie John and Hildegard spent many loving years together until her passing in November of 2011. For most of his life, Willie John was a truck driver and owned and operated Ken's Pizza. Willie John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in the Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Willie John enjoyed drinking coffee with his friends, going to the Chickasaw Sr. Center for lunch and was always helping others.

Willie John is preceded in death by his loving wife, Hildegard Harris; parents, Luther and Louise Harris.

Willie John is survived by his daughters, Dena Grinslade of Durant, Vallerie James and significant other James Young of Durant; sister, Mary Jane James of Durant; brother, Tommy Harris and wife Tammie of San Antonio, TX; special friend, Lynn Ross of Durant; grandsons, Seth Grinslade of Durant, Aaron James and spouse Kimberly Hunnicutt of Durant, Cody James of Durant;

granddaughter, Amanda Delloro and spouse Mike of Durant.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Willie John will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at the St John's Episcopal Church with Father James Blagg officiating. In Lieu of a family hour the family will be accepting visitors at Dena Grinslade's home at 123 South 14th, Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM.

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Luther Harris Jr.*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Mary Jane, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Willie John, he was a wonderful man, and always had that smile. He was so good to my son many years ago. May God bless you and your family and hold you close during this sad time.*

Linda Westbrook - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for the loss of a good man!*

Linda hogue - August 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tommy and family, I am sadden by the recent passing of Willie John. He always followed all of our sports in DHS and always had nice words and a smile for everyone.*

Noel McBee DHS 1961

Noel McBee - August 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM