

*Celebrating the
Life of*

Lucy Willis

Sunrise
August 9, 1914

Sunset
September 25, 2010

Monday, October 4, 2010
11:00 a.m.

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

701 Lenox Avenue
New York, New York

Rev. Charles A. Curtis, Officiating

Obituary

Lucy Jane Willis was born on August 9, 1914, in Ware Neck, Virginia, daughter of the late Moses and Mary Holloway Grimes. Moses and Mary were very religious people. As a result, Lucy was a dedicated and devoted Christian throughout her life.

Lucy left her home town of Ware Neck and migrated to New York City, with her husband, John Willis. She was a devoted wife, and enjoyed being in the company of her brothers and sisters. Lucy truly believed in family unity.

She loved to entertain and host family gatherings. Oftentimes, family would get together at her home for weekly Sunday dinner. She also enjoyed hosting bus rides around the tri-state area.

Lucy was a devoted homemaker to her husband, until his passing in 1976. She enjoyed life thirty-four years after his passing. Aunt Lucy was the sole surviving member of all of her siblings and the matriarch of our family. She was the “glue that held us all together”.

Throughout her life, Aunt Lucy was a consistent source of inspiration to her family and friends. She was always there to provide guidance, wisdom and support – with a touch of humor. She had a strong sense of self, determination and independence.

Throughout her life, Aunt Lucy’s mind remained sharp and “on-point”. But as the years progressed, her physical strength compromised her independence, leading her to choose to move to the Isabella Geriatric Center in 2005. While at Isabella, Lucy kept herself active by attending pottery and knitting classes and singing during church services. During visits with her nieces, Stacy and Marsha and her nephews, Michael and Nicholas, she enjoyed giving guidance and sharing her wisdom and stories.

Aunt Lucy will be forever missed and connected to all that knew and loved her. She was a central figure in our family. She leaves behind to cherish her fond memory: a host of nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Aunt Lucy, we will always remember and cherish all of the good times that we’ve shared. We will really miss you – but we know that you are now at peace and without pain – in God’s wonderful care.

With never-ending love,
Sincerely,
Your Family

Order of Service

Processional “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Condolence and Resolution

Obituary

Tributes

Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

Eulogy Rev. Charles A. Curtis

Benediction

Recessional “Nearer My God To Thee”



Interment

*Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York*

No Time For Sad Remembrances

*There's no time for sad remembrances
Because I'm home where I belong
I've conquered all my battles,
I've even heard the trumpet's song.
I've climbed my highest mountain
And I've reached an even peak,
And I've found that peace and true reward
That you have yet to seek.*

*There's no time for sad remembrances
For you have a precious life;
So find comfort in my journey
Please don't bear this pain and strife.
Oh! My Father's house is perfect
Just like He said it would be,
So dry your tears
Because I'm home and now I'm free.
I am part of all the beauty
That your world has yet to see;
So don't be sad about my journey,
Just be glad that I am free!*

-Author unknown

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God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



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