



## Andrea Lea Willett

March 7, 1948 - August 23, 2020

Andrea Lea Willett, 72, a longtime resident of Tallahassee, passed away unexpectedly from complications of a recent surgery on Sunday, August 23.

Andrea was born in Alton, Ill., in 1948. She graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville majoring in Education. While at SIUE, she met and married her husband, Michael. Andrea was a teacher in Illinois, Georgia, and Florida. While teaching, she earned her Master's degree in Reading Education at the University of Central Florida. In 1999, she and her family moved to Tallahassee, where she continued her career at the Florida Department of Education and Leon County Schools serving both as the Director of School Improvement. After she retired, she became active in the Tallahassee Garden Club serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees since 2018.

Andrea was a wonderful, loving wife and mother who genuinely cared about people. In her professional life, her dedication to helping children learn resulted in improving many lives. She enjoyed dancing, music, cooking, and gardening. She was well versed in sports and politics and enjoyed spirited debates about both. Her smile, quick wit, and laughter engaged anyone and everyone. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and community. Andrea is survived by her adoring husband Michael Willett, to whom she was married for more than 50 years, and their loving son Sean Willett. Both reside

in Tallahassee.

She is survived by her mother Jean Frillman of Bethalto, Ill., brother Dann (Jean) Adair of North Branch, Minnesota, sisters Rita Kassing of Midway, Ill., Marta (William) Alagna of Seymour, Ill., Rebecca (Brian) Rippelmeyer of Belleville, Ill., sister-in-law Elizabeth Frillman and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by father William Adair, stepfather Lloyd Frillman, brother Robert Frillman, and brother-in-law Charles Kassing.

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee (200 John Knox Rd.) on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with funeral services to immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at Tallahassee National Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

The service will be available to view live online at its scheduled time by clicking the above "Photos and Videos" tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent to the Tallahassee Garden Club (507 N. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32301) or America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend (4446 Entrepot Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32310).

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Funeral Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

AUG 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery  
5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Andrea Lea Willett*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - August 27, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**carla** - September 01, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CC

“Michael and Sean, I am stunned and so very sorry for your loss. Andrea and I first met about 8-10 years ago when seated next to each other at a Tallahassee Garden Club Spring Luncheon. We were both soon to take on new leadership roles. I took an instant liking to her friendliness and smile. She was always so positive, extremely hard working, and very talented in her service to TGC. It was my pleasure to know and work with her.

Sean, your eulogy was poignant, beautiful and loving. You and your father made her so very proud. Your loss is felt by so many people who were touched by her life. I can't believe she's gone. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord. Cynthia Csikos

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**Cynthia Csikos** - August 31, 2020 at 11:45 AM

EG

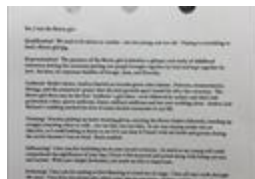
“My Aunt Andi was a wonderful person. She will be so missed! I will never forget her infectious smile and her great sense of humor. Wish we could be there in person to celebrate her memory but we are sending love and healing energy to Uncle Mike, Sean & the rest of the family from Minnesota.  
With love, Elise (Adair), Chris & Greta Graham

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**Elise Graham** - August 31, 2020 at 11:41 AM

CW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**carla wiegers** - August 31, 2020 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ My favorite childhood memory was a trip to Florida. My Aunt walked the beach to pick up shells with me! It was a beautiful moment that reminds me as an adult to enjoy the moment with my kids! It the small moments that matter! She was a beautiful person and I will miss her!

jenny sipes - August 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

CH

“ Chris and Theresa Henderson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Andrea Lea Willett.



Chris and Theresa Henderson - August 29, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Andrea Lea Willett.



August 27, 2020 at 08:25 PM

PW

“ I often ran into Andrea at the Garden Club. Seeing her always made me feel uplifted. She always had a kind word and a beautiful smile. I will miss her so much.

Phyllis West  
Coreopsis Garden Circle

Phyllis West - August 26, 2020 at 08:05 PM

KC

“ I always looked forward to visits from Aunt Andi. Even though we didn't see each other more than once or twice a year she always remembered that I loved Hello Kitty. Sometimes bringing thoughtful little gifts she knew I would love. I was a shy little girl and she could always pull me out of my shell. She was just so easy to talk to. I always thought she was so beautiful. I'm going to miss her.

Kelly Carey - August 25, 2020 at 09:25 PM

KM

“ ANDI was my sister in law but more she was my friend. Everytime we were able to get together we would share our love for wine and talk politics, family and life. She never judged and was a great listener. She loved to hug and whisper a special message in your ear. Gonna miss you but please watch over us and I am going to listen real careful for a special message in my ear. ❤️🍷💋🍀

Kathy Mietus - August 25, 2020 at 09:16 PM

IW

“ Idabell Wilson lit a candle in memory of Andrea Lea Willett



Idabell Wilson - August 25, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrea Lea Willett.



August 25, 2020 at 06:45 PM

BB

“ *Bill Borrer purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Andrea Lea Willett.*



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**Bill Borrer** - August 25, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SW

“ *I will fondly remember your yearly visits to Chicago from Tallahassee, and sitting around the dining room table at Grandma's and having you swiftly correct me when I didn't say "please" or "thank you" :). We will miss you Aunt Andi, and hope you rest easy in heaven.*

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**Sean Willett** - August 25, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JW

“ *Andrea and I were in elementary thru high school together. She was so smart and fun. I'm so glad I got to see her at our last reunion. My thoughts are with her family.*

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**Joan Wallace** - August 25, 2020 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ *Andrea and I graduated from Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto many years ago. She was very well liked and I always considered her a very good friend. Sadly, over the years you lose contact with friends but she did attend our 50th reunion in 2016. She seemed the same cheerful, smart and loving person I remembered. My heart felt sympathy goes out to her family.*

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**Bill Borrer** - August 24, 2020 at 04:23 PM