



Willard Edward Rudd

February 18, 1934 - August 14, 2020

Willard Edward Rudd, 86, of Greensboro passed away August 14, 2020.

Willard was born February 18, 1934 to the late Edward and Essie Bowen Rudd. He was a native of Gadsden County and lived there most of his life.

Willard proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He had a passion for horticulture, spending many years growing tobacco and in the nursery business. He loved being around people and never met a stranger.

He especially enjoyed his time at the Nicolson Farmhouse Restaurant.

Willard was a family man and treasured time spent with his loved ones. He was an active member in his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and his community. He served on the boards of the Children's Home Society and Big Bend Hospice.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, James, George (Buck), and Bryon Rudd, and a son Edward (Eddie) Rudd. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Carolyn Dyer Rudd, who he lovingly referred to as "my bride", sons Terrell (Terry) Rudd and his wife Ceda & Michael Rudd and his partner Laura; 7 grandchildren Sam Rudd, Lindsey Adkison and her husband Henry, Makenna Rudd, Edward Rudd, Kara Harrison and her husband Cole, Eden Rudd, and Charlie Kerr, 3 great grandchildren Gavin Rudd, Raelynn Harrison and Collier Adkison, sister-in-law Dorothy (Dot) Rudd, and many beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and family.

A private family service is being held. He will be laid to rest at Providence Cemetery in Greensboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that any donations be made in his name to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308; bigbendhospice.org. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Rudd family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Providence Cemetery

Greensboro, FL 32330

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Your Big Bend Hospice Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willard Edward Rudd.*



Your Big Bend Hospice Family - August 17, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Aunt Carolyn, Michael, and Terry..We are so sorry for your loss! Uncle Willard was always a joy to be around. He easily made everyone around him feel welcome and comfortable . He will be missed! Love, Terri, Cherri, Tillie and Tommy Dyer*



Terri Osteen - August 15, 2020 at 06:41 PM

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Over the last 5 years I've learned that the "plan" I had in my head for life, Willard passing before my Dad, my Mom & Dad passing before Aunt Bev & Uncle Greg & so on, but that "plan" wasn't Heavenly Father's plan. Willard would have been the first to remind me we are not here on earth to fulfill our own plans for life, we are here to fulfill Heavenly Father's plan. Willard did just that! From the time my family moved back home at age 15, I have watched him be the best example of Christlike service for us, his family & friends.

Willard loved many things, Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, family, friends & service. If you were around Willard for any amount of time you knew "his bride," Carolyn, was the love of his life, followed closely by his children & grandchildren.

Willard was one of the best story tellers I knew, right behind his Dad & my Granddaddy Rudd. His retirement years (if you could call his last 30 or so years "retirement") were spent in genealogical research. As would be Willard's pattern, his research in genealogy didn't mean just finding our ancestors for our family tree, but in learning about our deceased families lives. I always loved hearing about our ancestors & the example they were for me. Watching him & listening to him tell about our ancestors gave me a desire to dig deeper, to learn about them as well.

In everything Willard did, he did it with 1000% energy & enthusiasm. I've often pondered why Heavenly Father has allowed Willard to spend the last years of his life without recognition of the things he loved most, but I've not found that answer. I have learned, just as Willard, to live each day in love & service.

Thank you, Uncle Willard, for your example to us all! You will be missed but your life story lives on in each of us! I love you all, Carolyn, Terry, Micheal & family. You will continue to be in my thoughts & prayers.

Love,

*Connie
(daughter of Byron Rudd, niece of Willard)*

Connie Rudd - August 16, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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My prayers are with you today my friend

jackie Wilson Evans- Arbor Dietary - August 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM