



Steve Willbanks

April 16, 1948 - December 6, 2011

Steve Willbanks, age 63, of Morrilton passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2011. He was born April 16, 1948 in Morrilton, Arkansas, a son of Jack Allen Willbanks and Frances Pauline Thomas Willbanks. He was a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas, a certified law enforcement officer, social worker, and juvenile officer. Steve's work experience included working with the F.B.I., Red Cross, and stents as the Assistant Director, Executive Director, and President and C.E.O. of Community Service Inc. in Morrilton. He was a member and past president of several organizations including: Arkansas Youth Service Providers, Arkansas Juvenile Officer's Association, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Governor's Advisory Commission on Juvenile Delinquency, and the Arkansas Crime Commission.

He is survived by wife Carol Evans Willbanks; sons, Shawn Willbanks of Conway, Brad (Misty)Willbanks of Conway; daughter Melissa Thomas of Maumelle; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Jean Bowden; brother Mike (Nancy)Willbanks; five nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held 2:00 p.m Friday, December 9th, at First United Methodist Church in Morrilton, with Rev. Todd-Paul Taulbee and Rev. Lewis Chesser officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, at First United Methodist Church in Morrilton. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Community Service Inc., P. O. Box 679, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110. Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Steve Willbanks*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Carol and Family, our love and prayers are with all of you. Know that Our Lord has gathered Steve into His arms and he will have eternal peace and happiness that will help sustain all of you. Love you, Clem & Delores*

Delores Hartman - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was a gentleman and a wonderful person who I became acquainted with many years ago thru his work at Community Service. I will forever treasure our friendship and the legacy he is leaving here in Conway County. God Bless You All.*

Carolyn Gadberry - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ *Carol and family, there are no words to describe what a wonderful man Steve was. Just know how many lives he touched and how much he was loved. Our love and prayers are with all of you, and we pray God will give you the peace, strength and healing you need in the days ahead. We love you. Dick and Becky*

Rebecca Lewandowski - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

MF

“ Dear Jennie, Mike, & families,
So very sorry to learn of Steve's passing, just wanted you to know
you are in our thoughts and Prayers. God's Grace and love to you in
the coming days.
In His love,
Maryanna (Gilmore) Foster & family
Jasper, Alabama

Maryanna (Gilmore) Foster - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

CE

“ Carol,
Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family

Charles & Jeanette Eddy - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

DH

“ I WOULD LIKE TO SEND MY SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES
TO SHAWN AND HIS FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF THEIR FATHER
UNCLE AND GRANDFATHER I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS
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DONNA G ((ATKINSON) HEINZERLING - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

MW

“ Steve was a very courageous man whom I admired very much.

Mike Willbanks - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

LB

“ I share my thoughts and prayers with the Willbanks family.

Louise Baltimore - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

MA

“ Steve would always tell me I needed to move back to Morrilton and show my true Republican roots.

Mary - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

NW

“ To my dear brother-in-law, Steve Willbanks,

*Life is a journey, the soul is the guide.
A stroll through the forest, a walk along the rivers side.
Song birds are singing, as fall makes its move.
In the bliss of your being, in the light of your move.
The tide of immortality, ebbs and flows.
Death is not the end, but the breath of the soul.
In death there is life - Life finds it way back.
Our love is eternal, your memory ever last.*

I love you, Nancy Willbanks

Nancy Willbanks - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

EA

“ Brad,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your father was a great man who will be missed my many.

Eric Andrews - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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Eternal Love, Nancy Willbanks

Nancy Willbanks - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

GP

“ Steve was a great leader. His life touched and he helped so many.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Gerry and Carol Pinter - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

JB

“ Carol and family, I am here for you. May time ease your sorrow, and
may beautiful memories bring you comfort and peace.

Jeanie Bowden - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

TC

“ I am so proud to have been able to call him Uncle and prouder still to call him a friend. I asked him a few times for support and advice and he gave me both without hesitation. Our conversations always involved some laughter, especially if there was soup involved. :) Sweet Aunt Carol, Shawn, Melissa and Brad, you have my love and support. My dear Uncle Steve, you have my everlasting admiration.

Lovingly,

Tracy

Tracy and Hal Cooper - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

WB

“ Steve was a wonderful elementary school friend and classmate. As kids, we had some fun times growing up in Plumerville. I am so sorry for his loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Carol, Jeanie, and Mike and all of Steve's family.

wilma bowling bonds - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM

SG

“ To Steves' family and Jeanie and Mikes' family I just want to let you know that you are in my Prayers and thoughts as you go through this difficult time May God Bless and give you all comfort.

Sammy Gilmore - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM



PP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Steve's death. I worked with him for years -
- I worked for the Division of Children and Family Services in Little
Rock. Steve was a wonderful person to work with -- always willing to
help serve children and youth in need. I never doubted where his
heart was. He was a person of courage and integrity. He will be
sorely missed. I regret that I was unable to attend the service
because I am a caregiver to my elderly mother. You all are in my
prayers.

Pat Page - June 29, 2018 at 10:10 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts
and prayers. May you find some peace and comfort in the days
ahead. Cherish your wonderful memories forever.

December 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM