



## David Edwin Willis

March 13, 1926 - February 2, 2014

Dr. David Edwin Willis, age 87, passed away on February 2, 2014 in Richmond, TX. He was born March 13, 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio to Russell and Eleanor Willis. He honorably served our country in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a radio specialist aboard the US Swanson, a naval destroyer stationed in the Pacific. He worked for Keystone Exploration Company doodlebugging in Louisiana, Texas and California. He was a Professor of Geophysics, teaching and performing research at the University of Michigan and University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. He also consulted for the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. His later work for UNOCAL Oil Company in California and Texas included exploration for international oil and gas resources. David was a member of Joy Lutheran Church in Richmond, TX and the president of Shade Tree Ministries.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Karen and brother and sister-in-law, Elbert and Peggy.

David is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Martha Willis; children- Mark and wife, Lynn, of Katy, TX; Marta and husband, Lou, of Arcadia, California; Seth and wife, Janet, of Cedar Park, TX and son-in-law Robert of Kingsville, TX; grandchildren-J.B., Jessica, Rebecca and husband Michael, Matthew, Kent and wife, Lindsay, Drew and Cailee; great grandchildren- Joshua and Summer, along with much loved nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A 'Celebration of Life' gathering will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Joy Lutheran Church, 717 FM 359 in Richmond, TX.

The Funeral Service will be held Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. also at Joy Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Christ officiating.

For those wishing, memorials in David's name may be made to Joy Lutheran Church, 717 FM 359, Richmond TX 77406

Words of condolence may be left for the Willis family at [www.davisgreenlawnh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences from Karl and Marie Ohm on the loss of David. Our warmest thoughts are with you. Blessings to you all.*

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**Karl and Marie Ohm** - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Martha and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dr. Willis is fondly remembered as a professor at UWM and as a wise and faithful leader of our congregation when we lived in Sugar Land.  
John and Sue Zager*

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**John and Sue** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunt Martha and family we are deeply saddened and would like to express our condolences on the passing of Uncle David. His passing will leave a void in our lives, he will be missed by all of us. He was a "Rock" that you could turn to for good advice or easy conversation. I did not realize until the passing of my parents, how much help he had to offer. Possibly with his passing we can become a closer family and get to know each other better. We all send our LOVE and sympathy, Jay, Marcia, Mandy, Micky, Olivia, Page, Trevor, and extended family.*

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**James & Marcia Willis** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Seth and Janet,  
I want to offer my deepest condolences. I pray you find comfort in loving memories.  
Ingrid*

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**Ingrid Green** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *We all send our Love and our condolences Uncle David will always be missed!* ”

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**James & Marcia Willis** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM