



## Joe Wayne Willson

September 29, 1937 - April 21, 2026

Joe Wayne Willson, 88 of Mulberry, Arkansas Pleasant View Community passed from this earth to his heavenly home on April 21, 2026 at his home. He was born September 29, 1937 in Ozark, Arkansas to Tom and Bettie Morse Willson. Joe was a faithful member and song leader at Mt. Zion Regular Baptist Church for 61 years. He graduated from Mulberry High School in 1955, loved watching high school basketball, and was an avid Arkansas Razorback fan. Worked as a tape edge operator at various mattress factories for over 70 years and retired from Dodd Mattress in Van Buren, Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Edgar Willson; two sisters, Louise Blanton and Ruth Campbell; and numerous family, friends, and loved ones.

Joe was survived by his loving and faithful wife of almost 70 years, Olema Robertson Willson; one son, Bobby Joe Willson and wife Brenda of Ozark; one daughter, Robin James and husband Barry of Mulberry; one brother, William Willson of Mulberry; four grandchildren, Stephanie Bowles and husband David of Ozark, Christy Withem and husband Matt of Mulberry, Caitlin McClellan and husband Landon of Ozark, and Dylan James of Mulberry; three step grandsons, Jacy, Cody, and Ben James all of Kansas; six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be 3:00 P.M., Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark, with Brother Kent Boyd and Brother Stephen Tate officiating, with burial at Hight Cemetery, Sandy Branch Road in Mulberry, Arkansas.

Serving as pallbearers will be Joe's Grandsons, Dylan James, Andrew Smith, Steven Bowles, David Bowles Jr., Matt Withem, and Landon McClellan. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be the men of the Mt. Zion Regular Baptist Church.

\*In lieu of flowers, the family has requested for donations to be made in Joe's memory to Mt. Zion Regular Baptist Church 8115 Old Highway Mulberry, Arkansas 72947.

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hight Cemetery

Sandy Branch Road  
Mulberry, AR 72947

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

*Funeral service will be directly after the visitation*

## Funeral Service

APR **25**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

APR 25 (CT)

Hight Cemetery  
Sandy Branch Road  
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# Tribute Wall

BV

“ 1 file added to the album slideshow



Byron Lasater V - April 28 at 01:42 PM

JC

“ Jennifer C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Wayne Willson.

Jennifer C. - April 28 at 01:31 PM

JS

“ Robin and family - we are praying for comfort during this time of loss.

Jeff and Catherine Smith - April 24 at 12:06 AM

MT

“ Mark and Janice Campbell Thomas purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joe Wayne Willson.



Mark and Janice Campbell Thomas - April 23 at 05:54 PM

JT

“ *Uncle Joe was my favorite of my mom's brothers . My parents , Fred and Wanda Campbell , and my brother Keith and my sisters , Audrey, Sandy and I (Janice ) would visit most summers growing up and I remember him as always smiling and loved playing with us. He was a loving , caring, uncle, and I will cherish the memories I had with him*

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**Janice Campbell Thomas** - April 23 at 05:47 PM