



## Willis Straube

May 26, 1951 - January 21, 2021

Stanley “Willis” Straube, 69, of Bowling Green, passed away January 21, 2021 at his home.

Funeral services for Willis will be held Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green with Rev. Jerry Gamm and Pastor Mark West officiating. Burial will be in Edgewood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Second Baptist Church. Online streaming of the service will be available on Bibb-Veach Funeral Home’s Facebook page. Willis was born May 26, 1951 in Bowling Green, Missouri to Everett James Straube Jr. and Lillie Mae Dieckmann Straube. He was united in marriage to Vicki Ann Burnett on June 20, 1976. She preceded him in death on January 6, 2006.

Willis lived in Bowling Green his entire life. He graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1969. Immediately after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During Vietnam, he served as a Corporal in Futema, Okinawa. After discharging from active duty, Willis served in the United States Marine Corp Reserves from 1969 – 1972. He is a lifetime member of the VFW Post #5553 in Bowling Green.

Willis worked as a laborer for several construction companies over the years, and enjoyed the many friendships he made during that time. When he wasn’t working, he liked to spend his time hunting, fishing, gardening, and playing golf or baseball. He once played on an all-star team at Sportsman’s Park. He also enjoyed playing his guitar, and studied the history of music. He was a fan

of blues and country music. He enjoyed barbequing and playing cards, but his favorite pastime was spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Willis is survived by sons, Jason Straube (Wendy Summers) of Bowling Green and Seth Straube (Jeni) of Bowling Green; daughter, Carmen Charlton (John) of Bowling Green; grandchildren: Kinley and Kaylyn Charlton, Kyle and Jayce Straube, Steven Bryant, Everli Straube, Carly Ledford, and Jaymeson Portwood; brother, Chris Straube (Vickie Ruth) of Center, Missouri; sisters, Annice Allensworth (R.J.) of Bowling Green and Lucy Scherder of Warrenton, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Vicki.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Allensworth, Aaron Straube, Shawn Burnett, John Charlton, Randy Hays, and Curtis Scherder.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery

Edgewood, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
Bowling Green, MO 63334

## Funeral Service

JAN 30. 11:30 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church  
Bowling Green, MO 63334

## Burial

JAN 30. 12:30 PM (CT)

Edgewood Cemetery  
Edgewood, MO

# Tribute Wall

EL

“ *Elenora Lobb lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube*



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**Elenora Lobb** - February 03, 2021 at 09:02 PM

CO

“ *Peace to family of willis. He would always speak and we could share memories of being a 69 er. He liked to talk about his family. God be with you.*



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**Colleen** - February 01, 2021 at 12:27 AM

WW

“ *wayne&judy*



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**wayne wendel** - January 30, 2021 at 01:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Straube.*



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January 29, 2021 at 05:10 AM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC.** - January 28, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of *Willis Straube*.



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January 27, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Willis Straube*.



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January 27, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MZ

“ *Marie Zear lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube*



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**Marie Zear** - January 27, 2021 at 09:10 AM

MZ

*RIP Willis You were a good friend. I am really happy that you, Katie and I got to do our little road trip and have lunch..To the Straube family my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Marie Zear** - January 27, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willis Straube.*



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January 26, 2021 at 10:36 AM

KC

“ Jason, Carmen, Seth and families..sending our love to you. So many lifelong memories and thoughts of Willie come to mind, that it's difficult to frame them in this tribute. We were linked throughout our adolescent school years, as well as being close-knit cousins. It was like having a “bonus brother” since we were the same age.

*I remember Willie's learning to play chords on the guitar and strumming along to Hank Williams or Charlie Pride country western music. When it came to 60's Motown music, it was hard to keep him off the dance floor. He was such a fun dance partner.*

*Willie was a prolific reader and critical thinker who kept informed on current events and had a passion for debating politics. Although Willie was soft spoken and refreshingly unpretentious, he also had a great sense of humor and impeccable timing for injecting his conversations with “Willie-isms”...colorful adages, wit, or fascinating philosophical perspectives.*

*He had a reverence for his military comrades, and was willing to lend a hand or ear to others. He was a loving nephew to my parents, and a blessing to my entire family.*

*Willie, I hope your spirit is flying free, unencumbered and unrestricted, taking you places you've longed to see. I wish you peace and love on your journey. Thanks for the memories. You sure will be missed.*

*Katie, Bill and Booker*

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**Katie Corbus** - January 26, 2021 at 01:21 AM

BC

“ *Becky Carroll lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube*



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**Becky Carroll** - January 25, 2021 at 12:50 PM

BC

*Ray and I both got to visit with Willis at Abel's the first of November. The guys were telling some stories and having a good little talk. Hard to believe they are both gone but still telling stories in Heaven. RIP Willis.*

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**Becky Carroll** - January 25, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JK

“ *Willie was more than a (double) cousin, he was a lifelong close friend and support. Always a ready ear, kind word, sharp wit and my Philosopher King! I remember Willie playing an air guitar - before it had a name - on the side of the car hanging out the window while cruising the strip. Always fun and entertaining. A sports and music aficionado, and steeped in political knowledge, he always had a fresh perspective on people and events. He had the essence of a modern-day Twain-Will Rogers ... slow and with intention, he could spin a yarn! He was totally devoted to his family and couldn't get enough of being a Grandpa. His passing is a heartfelt loss. RIP Cuz Joyce and Doug*

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**Joyce Straube Roloff Kroft** - January 24, 2021 at 04:00 PM

GB

“ Gail Branstetter lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube



Gail Branstetter - January 23, 2021 at 09:45 PM

SO

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Willis. My sympathy to his family. I watched "Willie" as my dad always called him, grow up and remember many fun times of his family visiting in our home. He was a soft spoken and kind man who always visited with me about days gone by. I saw him many times just recently while he cared for his mother in her last days. Peace to all.  
Susie Oberdahlhoff

Susie Oberdahlhoff - January 23, 2021 at 05:46 PM

 Mona Grote

“ Mona Grote lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube



Mona Grote - January 23, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Willis Straube.



January 23, 2021 at 11:07 AM

RC

“ *Too a very good friend and coworker ! He be missed! Rlp*

Randy Colwell & Matt Colwell - January 22, 2021 at 10:20 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Stockamp lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube*



Jackie stockamp - January 22, 2021 at 07:15 AM

DC

“ *I am sorry to hear of Willis passing and in shock like so many others. He was always soft spoken and greeted me with a smile always. RIP my friend!*

Donna Calicott - January 21, 2021 at 09:25 PM

DE

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family*



Deanie Ebers - January 21, 2021 at 04:33 PM

DT

“ *I am so sorry - please know my thoughts and prayers and with all of you --*

*Debbie Tophinke*

Debbie Tophinke - January 21, 2021 at 03:57 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Litton lit a candle in memory of Willis Straube



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Cheryl Litton - January 21, 2021 at 03:49 PM