



## Mr. Johnny Matt Wills

February 6, 1931 - August 7, 2013

On August 7, 2013, one that we loved and knew stepped across the threshold that we called death, but it was only a step into another room, and not a stepping out of the fellowship of life.

A life that is founded on the principles of goodness, love, wisdom, and divine dedication has lasting foundation and cannot die. Thus, the life of Brother Johnny M. Wills is endless.

Johnny the eighth child of Matt and Eddie May Wiley Wills, was born February 6, 1931, in Brownsville, TN. At an early age he accepted Christ, his Redeemer, and made Him the "Boss of his life", and united with the First Holiness Church.

He made transition three times and relocated in Alamo, TN; Toledo, OH and Jackson, TN. He joined Midgett Chapel (Lighthouse) CME and Mt. Pleasant CME Churches.

He was married to Peggy Raines for 55 years. His family of two later increased to three with a son, John Fitzgerald.

He received his undergraduate training from the public schools in Haywood County, and his higher training from Lane College, Jackson, TN with a BA

Degree.

Johnny was a champion of caring and serving the people around him. He cared for many, Johnny was a champion of honesty. He believed in truth, fairness, and justice. Johnny was a champion of guidance and kindness. His relationship with God was his success. Johnny was a champion of humility. There was never a person beneath him. He looked for the good in God's beautiful creation.

He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years, and received an honorable discharge. His diverse interests were appealing. He was a teacher, principal, lawn service entrepreneur, and fork lift operator.

His survivors are a son: John Fitzgerald (Andrea) Wills of Austin, TX; a nephew reared as a son, John H. (Mattie) Winston of Brownsville, TN; grandchildren: Laryssa Wills and Arlene Medrano of Austin, TX, Calvin Coman of Jackson, TN and Andre Lamar of Detroit, MI; a devoted nephew, John Wills of Brownsville, TN. Two brothers: James Wills of Cincinnati, OH, Charles R. Wills (Lola) of Brownsville; a sister, Sophronia Wills Hill of Denmark, TN; a brother-in-law, Otis Reams of Alamo, TN; a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends, and two special companions; Fido and Coco.

# Cemetery Details

## Lebanon Church Cemetery

3767 Fulton Road  
Brownsville, TN 38012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Holiness Church  
205 East Jefferson Street  
Brownsville, TN 38012

## Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Johnny Matt Wills*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Only as we grow old do we think about the people we hold most important in our life. Mr Wills was one of them. Even as a child his kindness reached out to me across the class room....I wish I could have told him personally...He can not see now my tears of appreciation and sorrow I cry for him....You who posted this....know that he influenced my life in so many ways....what a wonderful man...*

**dana barcroft** - July 23, 2014 at 05:30 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Wills family and may God continue to guide you through such a great lost.*



**florida** - August 10, 2013 at 02:37 PM



“ *Amigos En Azul purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Johnny Matt Wills.*



**Amigos En Azul** - August 09, 2013 at 05:33 PM

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“ *my condolences to the family! he was my 7th grade teacher, a good man!*

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**mozell house** - August 08, 2013 at 06:40 PM