



## Bert (Alberta) Louise Willis

July 28, 1934 - May 13, 2024

Bert (Alberta) Louise Willis, 89 of Concordia, MO passed away at her home on Monday, May 13, 2024. She was the only daughter born to Albert and Annabelle (Fann) Douglas on July 28, 1934, in Lee's Summit, Missouri. She was united in marriage to the love of her life Marvin Thomas Willis on June 26, 1953, at the Walnut Park RLDS church in Independence, Missouri. Together they had three children, two sons Mike and Neal and daughter Debbie. Alberta was known to her family and friends as "Bert" and preferred to be called that. She worked several years as an administrative assistant and was also a housewife. She attended Community of Christ Church in Holden, Missouri where she was very involved with the activities within the church. She loved baking and was well known throughout the community and her church for the pies she made. If you had any of her pies you knew what a treat they were. Some say she made the best gooseberry pie they ever had. She also had a love for quilting. Bert loved to stay busy and could be seen out mowing her own yard well into her late 80's. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Bert is survived by her two sons, Mike Willis, and his wife Donna Blair, of Independence, MO; Neal Willis, of Concordia, MO; one daughter Debbie Dreeszen, and her husband Mike, of Concordia, MO; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

Bert is preceded in death by her husband Tom Willis; her parents Albert and Annabelle Douglas; and her two brothers Larry and Howard Douglas.

The visitation will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 10:30 am – 11:00 am, with the celebration of life service following at 11:00 am at Holden Community of Christ Church 401 S. Pine St. Holden, Missouri.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.castfuneralhome.com](http://www.castfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community of Christ  
401 South Pine  
Holden, MO 64040

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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401 South Pine  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear of Bert's passing. She was a wonderful person and always active in Community of Christ ministry. I always enjoyed catching up with her at World Conference. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially you and the rest of the family. I hope to see you at the Celebration of Life on Saturday. Ron and Glenda Chiles*

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**Ron Chhiles** - May 30, 2024 at 03:05 PM

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*Dear Debbie and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of Bert. She was a wonderful person. There was no one like her. She cared about all those she met. Her many talents will be missed. But she will never be forgotten. I'm glad she is now with Tom and so many others of her loved ones. I wish I could be with you today but you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God hold you in his loving arms. Love, Ruth Hirner*

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**Ruth Hirner** - June 01, 2024 at 04:10 PM

KJ

“ *On behalf of the Presiding Evangelist in Community of Christ, and the Order of Evangelists, we extend our condolences for the passing of your beloved mother and grandmother. Bert's ministry as an evangelist blessed many, and her presence will be missed. Blessings, Kris Judd, Secretary to the Order of Evangelists*

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**Kris Judd** - May 17, 2024 at 01:29 PM