



## Willa Dean Francis

June 6, 1931 - October 13, 2020

Willa Dean Francis, age 89, of Versailles, passed away Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at her daughter's home in Independence. She was born June 6, 1931, in Camdenton, a daughter of George W. and Sarah (Polly) Irwin.

On December 23, 1950, in Versailles, she was united in marriage to James Morgan Francis, who preceded her in death on May 13, 2018.

Willa was a member of the Glensted United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, Jim Francis and wife Liz, Roger Francis and wife Marya Lynn, Jerry Francis and companion Sharon Larsen, Kathy Brown and husband Dale, Julie Decker and husband Frank, David Francis and wife Kathy and Sue Conley and husband Michael; sixteen grandchildren; forty-five great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; half-brother, Alva Dale Witherall; sister-in-law, Alma Merriott and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her father, George W. Irwin, mother, Sarah Witherall and her siblings, James Irwin, Lloyd Irwin, Maxine Routin and Bobby Gene McKinley.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 19th, at the New Life Assembly of God Church in Barnett with Pastor J.D. Montgomery officiating. Masks are required for those attending the service. Graveside

services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Monday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to Phoenix Home Care, 500 Broadway A, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 or Veterans Home Care, LLC, 11861 Westline Industrial Dr., Suite 750, St. Louis, Missouri 63146.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Assembly of God  
22139 Highway 52  
Barnett, MO 65011

## Service

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PP

“ *Peggy Penrod lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Francis*



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**Peggy Penrod** - October 19, 2020 at 06:31 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Francis*



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**Mary Ellen Dunnaway** - October 18, 2020 at 09:53 PM

BS

“ *She was such a sweet lady. She and Jim were my neighbors when my kids were just toddlers and they just loved her too. My thoughts are with the family during this time.*

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**Brenda smith** - October 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM

DP

“ *Sharing in time of sorrow. Deepest sympathy.*

*--Donna Jean (Kerr) Piltoski*



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**Donna Jean (Kerr) Piltoski** - October 18, 2020 at 01:15 PM

LF

“ *Laraine Forth lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Francis*



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**Laraine Forth** - October 18, 2020 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ *Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Francis*



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**Shirley Sumner** - October 17, 2020 at 08:21 PM

NW

“ *My condolences to the Francis family*

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**Neil Williams** - October 17, 2020 at 06:35 PM

TS

“ *David sorry to hear about your mom you and Your family will be in our prayers*

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**Tim Scott** - October 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM

PC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you and your family for comfort and peace.*

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**Patricia & Carson Chatwell** - October 17, 2020 at 07:34 AM

MG

“ *Marleen Gerber-Baker lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Francis*



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**Marleen Gerber-Baker** - October 16, 2020 at 10:40 PM

DM

“ *I am so sorry for your families loss. May the Lord lift you up at this time*



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**diana moore** - October 16, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JA

“ *Ms. Willa came in my life a very short time ago, we sit chit chatting about the beautiful weather, the ways of farm life, animals and fun games we remembered from our past oh yes and add in some giggles along the way. I have met a handful of wonderful men and women in my life that within a very short I longed to know so much more about them and she is definitely amongst them. Peace and glorious after life. 💕*  
*Jacque*



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**Jacque** - October 16, 2020 at 09:53 PM

MM

“ Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Francis



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**Michele Miller** - October 16, 2020 at 04:19 PM

DH

“ She was a wonderful woman, was always laughing. We loved her and Jim both.

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**Deanna L Hodges** - October 16, 2020 at 11:05 AM

TK

“ In 2012 following the 150th anniversary of Glensted United Methodist Church, Yvonne and I stopped by the home of Jim and Willa Dean where we were well received and where we had an enjoyable visit. We treasure the photo we took of Jim and Dean that afternoon. May our Lord and memories comfort the Francis family during this time.



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**Tom & Yvonne Kerr** - October 15, 2020 at 10:53 PM