



## Charles Lynn Willis

November 30, 1931 - November 18, 2022

Charles Lynn Willis, age 90, of Centerville, passed away Friday, November 18, 2022. Charles was born in Floyd County, IN on 11/30/1931 to Clarence and Dorothy Willis. Chuck was a high school teacher and principal, university professor and administrator and foundation executive. He honorably served in the US Army and IN Military District Army Reserve. Chuck came to Dayton from Tallahassee, FL where he was Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Educational Leadership, Florida State University. In Dayton Chuck was Program Officer for the Education Program of the Kettering Foundation. He left the Kettering Foundation to become Executive Director of the University Council for Educational Administration, an international consortium of university programs working to advance research and preparation programs in educational leadership. During his career Chuck served as Executive Director of the Mental Health Associations of the Miami Valley, as well. Chuck retired from Wright State University where he was Professor and Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Services. He was named Professor Emeritus upon retirement. After retirement Chuck serviced as Executive Vice President of the Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo MI. He was also the Institute's Vice President for Consciousness Studies. More recently Chuck served on the Board of the Wright State University Retirees Association and on the University's Athletics Council. Chuck and his wife, Martha, joined Normandy United Methodist Church in 1968. Along with his parents Chuck was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Martha; sister

Winifred Boudreau; sister-in-law Nancy Tullis; sister-in-law Linda Willis; and nephew Mark Petry. Chuck is survived by his son Steven Willis (Wendy) and daughter Karen Lewis (Paul); grandsons: John Lefforge (Marcie), Jesse Lefforge (Mollie), Kyle Willis (Madison), Caleb Willis (Kaitlin), Joseph Lefforge (Mackenzie) and Nathan Willis (Haley); great grandchildren: Landon Willis, Jameson Willis, Grace Willis, Olivia Lefforge and Skylar Stodd Lefforge; brothers: Richard (Janis), Larry (Marty), Paul Allen (Barbara) and Danny Joe Willis. Family will greet friends 10:00-11:00 am on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Normandy United Methodist Church, 450 West Alex-Bell Rd., Centerville. Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am on Saturday at the church. Inurnment will be at David's Cemetery. Arrangements in care of The Final Legacy. Words of encouragement may be sent to [www.reislegacycenter.com](http://www.reislegacycenter.com).

# Cemetery Details

## David's Cemetery

4600 Mad River Road  
Kettering, OH 45429

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Normandy United Methodist Church  
450 West Alex=Bell Road  
Centerville, OH

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Normandy United Methodist Church  
450 West Alex=Bell Road  
Centerville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Lynn Willis.* ”



December 01, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Dwight and Connie Bowman purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles Lynn Willis.* ”



**Dwight and Connie Bowman** - November 30, 2022 at 08:49 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Lynn Willis.* ”



November 27, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ *Barbara Willis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Lynn Willis.* ”



**Barbara Willis** - November 24, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Lynn Willis.*



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November 23, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *If you are reading this and you knew him, then you already know he was an extraordinary person. Like being in the presence of a king or president or a CEO.... someone intelligent who knew what they were doing...a leader...a friend you could confide in....and for me, a loving father. He was kind, generous, helpful, and encouraging. There was only one other person i know who was like him, my mom, Martha. I love and miss both of my wonderful parents. God speed. Steve*

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**Steven Willis** - November 23, 2022 at 03:21 PM



*Love this Steve ❤️*

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**Karen Lewis** - November 23, 2022 at 04:41 PM