

James H. Willis Obituary



James H. Willis, 95 of West Chester, PA died peacefully on Monday July 10, 2023 at Accelerate Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Exton. He was the husband of the late Suzanne S. Willis (Steptoe) and a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, Commish and Compatriot.

Born October 23, 1927 in Wilmington, DE he was the son of the late Henry G. Willis and the late Sarah Muncey Willis.

Mr. Willis attended P.S. DuPont high school, served in the US Army during WW II and graduated from PMC (Philadelphia Military College, now Widener) in 1951.

James had lived in West Chester for 68 years. Throughout his career, he held several sales positions with wood product companies, as well as nighttime and weekend work at Brandywine and Liberty Bell Racetracks.

In his later years, James was an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution and was the first President of the Philadelphia Chapter to serve two terms. He was also the Captain of the Color Guard. He also was instrumental in the refurbishing and maintenance of Oaklands Cemetery.

He enjoyed playing golf, garden work, jigsaw puzzles and was an avid history buff.

James is survived by his children, James H. Jr. (Joanie), Jeanne M., Susan Pino (Anthony), 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to his visitation on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 10:00 am - 10:45 am at DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith & Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. 410 North Church Street West Chester, PA 19380, followed by his Funeral Service at 11:00 am.

Interment will be in Oaklands Cemetery, West Chester, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sanibel Strong helping Sanibel residents, businesses and wildlife recover from Hurricane Ian. Arrangements by DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith & Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. of West Chester, PA 610-696-1181; www.DellaFH.com