



Willie Huckabee

June 30, 1959 - June 22, 2023

William Drew Huckabee, affectionately known as Willie, graced this world on June 30, 1959, and peacefully departed on June 22, 2023 leaving behind a tapestry of cherished memories and a profound impact on the lives of those who knew him. His presence will be greatly missed, but his legacy of love, devotion, and unwavering support will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Born on June 30, 1959, Willie was a proud native of Morris, Oklahoma. His educational journey took him through Union Elementary School and Twin Hills School, before graduating from Morris High School in 1977. Willie then went on to earn an Associates Degree from Northeastern A&M in Miami, Oklahoma.

Willie, a proud husband, father, and grandfather, found his greatest joy in his family. He was first married to Dawn Giulioli, and together they were blessed with two sons, Braxton and Brayden. Later, on April 15, 1989, he found love once more when he married Kristy Shoemake. From their union, they welcomed their cherished son, William "Will" Preston Huckabee.

Willie's entrepreneurial spirit flourished when he established Huckabee Feed & Supply, a beloved feed store in Morris, which he owned and operated for over 30 years. Through his expertise, genuine care, and unwavering dedication, he became an integral part of the community, providing essential services to farmers, ranchers, and pet owners alike. Huckabee Feed & Supply was a trusted source for supplies and advice, and it remains a lasting

testament to Willie's commitment to serving others.

In 2007, Willie embarked on a new chapter of his life and joined AtWoods, where he served as the General Manager in McAlester, Oklahoma until his well-deserved retirement in 2018. His natural leadership abilities and passion for community service made a lasting impact on AtWoods and its customers. Willie's life revolved around his loved ones. He took immense pride in his role as a husband, providing unwavering support and love to his wife Kristy. As a father, he was a constant pillar of strength and guidance to his sons. He held a special bond with his grandkids, attending their sporting events with pride and delight. One of his favorite pastimes was going fishing with his kids and grandkids, providing them with cherished moments of connection and laughter.

A man of diverse interests, Willie had a deep appreciation for history. He embraced his passion as a Civil War historian, actively participating in reenactments and portraying the battles fought during that pivotal time. His commitment and knowledge earned him the esteemed position of Brigadier General of the Trans Mississippi Brigade in the Civil War reenactment community.

Beyond his historical endeavors, Willie had the unique opportunity to share his love for the past through the silver screen. As an extra, he lent his presence to several movies, including "The Blue and the Grey," "The Patriot," "Ride with the Devil," and "The Lone Ranger." These experiences allowed him to immerse himself in different worlds and create treasured memories.

One of the greatest joys in Willie's life was listening to his son, Will, perform country music. He would eagerly support his son by assisting with setting up and taking down equipment for his gigs. Willie's beaming smile and unwavering encouragement were a testament to the pride he felt for his son's musical talents.

Willie leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kristy, his sons Braxton , wife Tiffany and Brayden, wife Jenni, and Will. He will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Marek, Maverick,

Maddox, Kinsley, and Kase, who brought immeasurable joy to his life. Willie also leaves behind his brothers, Michael, wife Patsy; Pat, wife Rhonda; and David "Pete" Huckabee, as well as his sisters Judy Killion, husband Norval; Sharon Roach, husband Kenny; and Cindy Costanza. His nieces, nephews, and extended family members will forever cherish the memories created with Willie.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Ilda Huckabee, his sister Donna Huckabee, and his grandparents William and Juanita Bunne, and Drew and Estell Huckabee.

Willie's warm heart, infectious laughter, and unwavering support touched the lives of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be remembered for his love of family, his passion for history, and his ability to uplift and inspire those around him. May his spirit live on through the memories shared and the love he bestowed upon us all.

Cemetery Details

Morris Cemetery

Morris, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
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Visitation

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
Morris, OK

Tribute Wall



“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Huckabee



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 27, 2023 at 04:29 PM

KM

“ KD MANN lit a candle in memory of Willie Huckabee



KD MANN - June 29, 2023 at 11:38 AM

BW

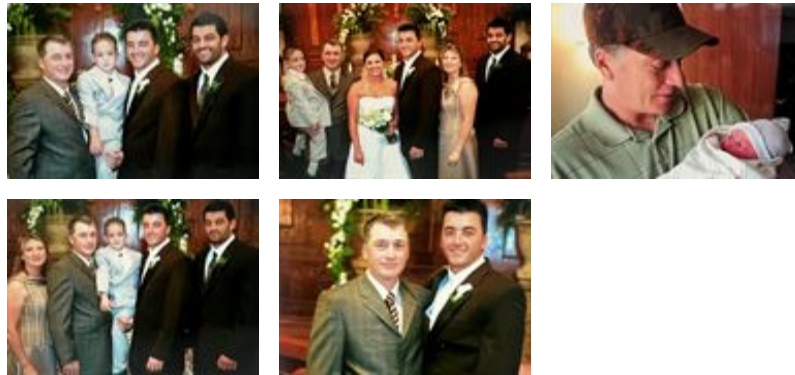
“ Our sincere sympathy. Willie will be missed and May you find strength and comfort through your faith.
Shorty and Bonita Wood



Bonita Wood - June 28, 2023 at 09:40 PM



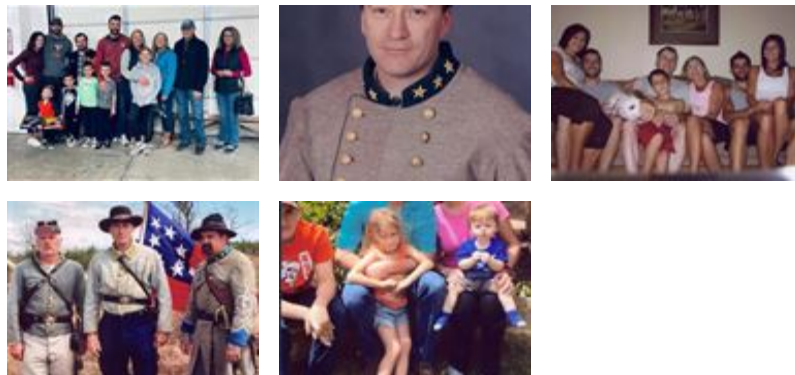
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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



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McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - June 27, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ *I served under Willie as a private, corporal and then captain of the 13th Louisiana Volunteer Infantry. He was the best field commander I've ever seen and a genuinely nice man. He knew everyone in the bat tat by name and visited every campfire. I never heard anyone say a disparaging word about him. It is a sad time in the hobby with his loss. Thomas E. Taylor Captain 13th Louisiana.*

Thomas Taylor - June 27, 2023 at 02:11 PM

AD

“ I worked under Willie at the Atwood’s in McAlester. He was always smiling and in a good mood. He often had to scold me as I was just entering adulthood and I was still shaking off my youthful stubbornness. He always did so in a way to teach responsibility and respect. I’ll never forget the way he lit up when Lil Will would come in and I’d take him to the break room to talk about Batman and Ben 10. He will be missed.



Aaron Duff - June 27, 2023 at 12:17 AM

WH

This sure brings back great memories

Will Huckabee - June 27, 2023 at 03:59 AM

CP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Curtis Payne - June 26, 2023 at 11:44 PM

CP

Willie with other members of the TMR at the filming of the movie North & South.

Curtis Payne - June 26, 2023 at 11:47 PM

CC

“ Clay Copenhaver lit a candle in memory of Willie Huckabee



Clay Copenhaver - June 25, 2023 at 09:26 PM

WW

“ Willie was my daughters Father in Law. For 23 years I've always enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Willie. As I traveled some, I would always stop at Atwood's in McAlester and visit, or we would steal away to lunch at a diner nearby. Willie was Pe Pa and I was Pa Pa, to Kinsley and Kase. Kase William is graced with OUR names. 😍. William Wilson. Rest in Peace Willie. 🙏🙏

William Wilson - June 25, 2023 at 06:30 PM

TF

“ Our hearts are breaking in the loss of Willie; he was a most kind and gentle man. I know his family and friends will miss his precious presence. Willie is at peace.

The Scott Family - June 24, 2023 at 10:50 PM

CM

“ We knew Willie and the whole Huckabee family. They were the reason we moved to Morris. I remember his love of ducks and other birds. I also remember going to horse races and riding in the back of the truck and drinking a cold pop.

So Sorry he is gone.

Love, the Purser family-Charlotte, Dan and Laura.

Charlotte Purser McKell - June 24, 2023 at 06:38 PM

RJ

“ On behalf of the members of the Trans-Mississippi Rifles Family - I extend our sincere sympathies and heartfelt condolences...

Willie's lifelong study and love for history took on an added dimension in the mid-eighties when he joined Trans-Mississippi Rifles, one of the larger living history/reenactment organizations in the state of Oklahoma at that time. Willie steadily rose through the ranks from Private, Corporal, Sergeant and then Captain before stepping up to Battalion Staff and eventually serving as the Colonel Commanding. Willie's popularity, field presence, and leadership would finally culminate into the position of Brigadier General commanding the Trans-Mississippi Brigade - a testament to who Willie was and how he will be forever remembered in the reenacting community...

*R. L. (Rick) Harding, Jr.
Capt., Retired - Trans-Mississippi Rifles*



R L (Rick) Harding Jr - June 24, 2023 at 05:11 PM

RE

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Roger Epps - June 24, 2023 at 09:52 AM

RE

This photo was taken in 1990 at Champion Hill, MS. Willie was our captain in the Trans Mississippi Rifles. He was a very fine man. Sharlotte and I extend our sympathy to the Huckabee family. Roger Epps

Roger Epps - June 24, 2023 at 09:57 AM

SM

“ *I went to school with Willie in Morris. He has always been such a kind person and really funny. My sincerity condolences to Kristy and all the family.*

Sandra Mann - June 23, 2023 at 08:08 PM

CC

“ *William Drew Huckabee (Willie) was named after both of my grandfathers, He was the best brother he and my other little brother Pete gave us girls the dickens hiding the bushes laughing at us when we would come home from a date and got a kiss at the front door they would break out in laughter. We use to play in the living room like we were horses they would ride us like we were the horses, and we would try and buck them off we had so much fun..Now my little brother is back home with Mom and Dad in heaven one day I will see him again.. Just know Willie how much I loved you.*

Cindy Costanza - June 23, 2023 at 06:27 AM

DC

“ *This is the 2nd Arkansas Battalion staff in December 2002 — Lt. Col. Rob Sanders, Col. Willie Huckabee, Maj. Bill Griggs, Sgt. Maj. David Christy and Lt. Steve Bailie. It was my great pleasure to have reenacted with and been a good friend of Willie Huckabee for many years, in a hobby all of us loved. (Submitted by David Christy)*



David Alan Christy - June 22, 2023 at 11:03 PM