



Harry Gus Willis Jr

January 15, 1930 - September 26, 2025

Harry Gus Willis, Jr., age 95, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 26, at Atrium Mercy in Charlotte, North Carolina. Born and raised in Charlotte, Harry was a proud son of the Queen City, where he built a life rooted in service, faith, and friendship.

A graduate of Central High School's Class of 1948, Harry answered the call of duty and served honorably in the Korean Conflict. Upon returning home, he began a distinguished 33-year career with the United States Postal Service, where his dedication and leadership earned him the role of president of the American Postal Workers Union from 1972 to 1974.

Harry's commitment to his country and community extended far beyond his professional life. He was an active member of American Legion Post #262 and VFW Post #1160, always finding ways to support fellow veterans and uphold the values he cherished.

Outside of work and service, Harry found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved spending time at the beach with his beloved wife, Christine, cheering on NFL games, joining friends for breakfast, and taking spirited trips to Atlantic City. His laughter, stories, and warmth made him a cherished companion to many.

A man of deep faith, Harry was a devoted member of St. John Neumann

Catholic Church. His spirituality was not just a belief—it was a way of life, reflected in his unwavering kindness and his desire to help others. Harry's heart was always open, and his generosity touched countless lives.

He is survived by his sister Joey Hinson; nephews Craig (Jerry) Hinson and Randy Hinson; niece Susan (Drew) Barron; great-nieces and nephews Alex (Ayla) Hinson, Samatha Hinson, Presley (Alex) Leah, David Barron, Dillon (Domanique) Barron, and Ryan Barron; and his loving companion since 2012, Nancy Marshall. He was preceded in death by his wife Christine; his parents, Harry and Josephine Willis; his brother Connie Willis; sisters Helen Ooen and Florence Willis; and great-nephew Hunter Hinson.

Harry's legacy is one of service, love, and unwavering faith. He will be remembered not only for what he did, but for how he made others feel—valued, supported, and loved.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 1 pm on Friday, October 3, at Evergreen Cemetery. Please join the family there to celebrate his memory.

A life well lived. A soul well loved. Rest in peace, Harry.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

4426 Central Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28205

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TG

“ *Enjoyed working with Harry the past 6 years. A kind, sweet gentleman. Condolences to his family.*
Todd Gorden

Todd Gorden - October 06, 2025 at 04:50 PM

BL

“ *Great memories. We were in a couple of Postal groups sharing memories over a great breakfast. He had great memories and stories he shared.*

Buddy Livingston - October 04, 2025 at 08:21 AM

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“ *Harry you were a true genuine man. Our family just loved you. I'll miss your phone call each week and seeing you at the church for Wednesday dinner. My parents shared many Saturday mornings at Bojangles, playing bingo with you and Nancy.*

Carol Bayne - October 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM