



Minnie Evelyn Willis

March 4, 1934 - September 29, 2019

Mother Minnie Evelyn Willis, lovingly known as “Memaw”, was born March 4, 1934, in Clow, Arkansas, to Ora and Andrew Stewart Sr. She was the fifth of eight children born to this union.

Minnie received her education at Clow High School in Clow, Arkansas. Upon graduation, she moved to San Francisco, California, where she met and married James Creswell. Three children were born to this union. She subsequently met and married Rufus Coulter, Sr. To this union four children were born. In 1972, she wed Gerald Olden Willis. She was a loving and devoted wife for 30 years until his passing.

Minnie was a valued employee of the United States Postal Service. She retired after 34 years of service. Minnie loved the Lord and gave her life to Christ at an early age. After moving to San Francisco, she joined Greater Gethsemane Church of God in Christ (Greater Grace Temple in Oakland) where she served as Pastor’s Aide, the head of the Hospitality Committee, on the Mother’s Board, and participated in many fundraising events. She was also voted “Grandmother of the Year”. She was well known for her fancy suits and beautiful hats.

Minnie touched many lives over the years. Her biggest pleasures in life were worshipping the Lord and spending time with her beloved grandchildren and

great grandchildren. She showered them with love and affection and they returned the favor. They often treated her to dinners, fresh flowers, frequent calls and visits with her favorite snacks. There was (and still is) competition over which grandchild is her favorite.

Minnie was a loving, caring and compassionate mother, daughter, sister, and aunt. She frequently opened her home to those in need for an extended period of time. She was kind-hearted and generous and known for helping anyone in need. Family and friends gathered regularly at her home. It was welcoming and filled with warm memories for many. On Sundays, she opened her doors to feed anyone who stopped by. Just a few of her specialties included meals of gumbo, turkey wings with dressing, roast beef, yams, greens and assorted deserts. She never turned anyone away.

Minnie was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, three sisters, two brothers, and her oldest daughter, Barbara Ann Creswell Jones.

Minnie leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memory, her children: Ronald E. Creswell (Cynthia) of Antioch, CA, Ramona "Lynn" Green (Richard) of Jacksonville, FL, Cheryl A. Hyland of Antioch, CA, Rufus A. Coulter, Jr. of Nashville, AR, Jacqueline Coulter of San Francisco, CA, and Kenneth A. Coulter of San Francisco, CA; one sister, Velma Williamson of Clow, AR; two brothers, Isaac Stewart of McCaskill, AR, and Andrew Stewart, Jr. (Alzean) of Clow, AR; ten grandchildren, Marques Jones (Karen), Kenneth Jones, Anjoli and Antoinette Green, Emma Peterson (Dexter), Ashley Navarro (Randy), Stephanie DeBaun (Malcolm), Tayler and Ryan Creswell, Sean Hyland; fourteen great grandchildren, Ahmon, Anaya and Ahmir Jones, Kingston Green, Austin Lybrook, Randi Navarro, Ariana, Paige, London and Savannah Peterson, Kristine and Kris Pham, Aija and Ron-Ale Jones; three great-great grandchildren, Mya, Marceleno and Malaiyah Pham. She also leaves to mourn her loss a host of relatives, friends, and the Greater Grace Temple

family.

Cemetery Details

Skylawn Memorial Park, Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd.

San Mateo, CA 94402

Previous Events

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Jones Memorial United Methodist Church
1975 Post St.
San Francisco, CA 94115

Tribute Wall



“ *Minnie Evelyn Willis*

January 29, 2023 at 07:05 AM



“ *One more angel in heaven I love Minnie she was my aunty love you
Denise Henry*

Denise Moe aka henry - October 24, 2019 at 12:47 AM



“ *To Our Family;*

Though we are miles apart the loss of Aunt Minnie is felt in our hearts. Her smile is everlasting and the love she showed will never be forgotten. Gentle spirited and kindhearted is my personal memory of her. We are praying for your strength today that only God can give, and peace that passes all understanding. May the beautiful memories of Aunt Minnie and the power of her unending love help carry you through. God Bless and keep you all.

Love,

*Quonya and the entire family of Logan (Skeet) and Janet Coulter
Nashville, Arkansas*

Quonya Coulter - October 17, 2019 at 09:05 AM

AC

“ Arthur Campbell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Minnie Evelyn Willis.



Arthur Campbell - October 16, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minnie Evelyn Willis.



October 16, 2019 at 11:05 AM

AL

“ There is no pain quite as sharp as when a loving mother/grandmother/aunt/cousin/friend transitions from this world. We are praying that the Holy Spirit comfort you all, just as He promised. Treasure the memories and let her legacy live on both in and through those who loved her. Family, you have our deepest condolences.

*In God's love,
Ms. Corliss (Coulter) Lewis &
Pastor Bryan, Ayesha, James, & Christopher Lampkins*

Ayesha Lampkins - October 16, 2019 at 09:46 AM

VB

“ The original Mema.....you will be missed.

VeRita Chapman Byrd - October 16, 2019 at 12:12 AM

PS

“ *Rest in Heaven Memaw*



Phyllis Sterling - October 15, 2019 at 08:35 AM

SC

“ *Heaven has got another Angel in Mema.
What a sweet and loving woman. She will be
truly missed.
May she Rest In Sweet, Sweet Peace* 💔



Sheryl Cox - October 14, 2019 at 08:57 PM

RJ

“ *Renita Jones lit a candle in memory of Minnie
Evelyn Willis*



Renita Jones - October 14, 2019 at 11:41 AM

RJ

Awesome woman of God!

Renita Jones - October 14, 2019 at 11:42 AM

DH

Memaw always had that beautiful smile and a positive word. 🙏

Doris Haley - October 19, 2019 at 03:21 PM

GF

“ *Gail Coulter ?Gone But Never Forgotten lit a candle in memory of Minnie Evelyn Willis*



Gail Coulter ?Gone But Never Forgotten - October 12, 2019 at 10:13 PM

DB

“ *Dr Karan Baucom lit a candle in memory of Minnie Evelyn Willis*



Dr Karan Baucom - October 11, 2019 at 01:00 PM

DB

*Loved her heart. She told you the truth.She loved her family
Cared deeply about people
She was her mothers daughter.never met a stranger. God bless
"Minnie"*

Dr Karan Baucom - October 11, 2019 at 01:04 PM

DB

“ *Dr Sharon Baucom-Myers lit a candle in memory of Minnie Evelyn Willis*



Dr Sharon Baucom-Myers - October 10, 2019 at 03:50 PM

DB

An indomitable Spirit who gave unconditional love. A God fearing example of an Agape driven ❤️ heart. She had more children than she ever gave birth too and mothered them all ! Fiesty comical, witty, charming sweet potatoes pie making woman! Amen to that 🙏,

Dr Sharon Baucom-Myers - October 14, 2019 at 09:41 AM

DB

“ When I needed help taking care of our mother who was wheelchair bound ie an invalid requiring a hydraulic lift just to get into her bed etc .I called her sisters and they came running. no questions asked. They lovingly helped her and made her laugh. They shared stories and a history of their life and youth with us and made us laugh. They removed the stress of my leaving Miss B to go out of state for a wedding. It was a mini family reunion with Aunt Mel ,Aunt Velma and Dr Allison Shaw her neice.unforgettable ...San Fransisco is a long way from Baltimore, but she came to help like she has for so many more folk, family or not. and we were grateful and Blessed she chose us.Amen

Dr Sharon Baucom-Myers - October 10, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Minnie Evelyn Willis.



October 10, 2019 at 03:22 PM