



# Willard Morris

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## Funeral Service Thursday, Jul 12, 2018

11:00 AM

Willard Morris

April 20, 1933 - July 07, 2018

Willard Morris was born April 20, 1933 in Magnet, Texas to Joe Sebern & Katherine Bock Morris, the fourth of five children. His family moved to La Porte in 1937. Willard grew up in La Porte, graduated from La Porte High School in 1954 and was then inducted into the U.S. Army serving eight years in the Army Reserve. He married Marilyn Annette Evard in September of 1956 beginning a life of 61 years together, living in La Porte, Shoreacres, and then moving to Lomax due to damage to their home in 2008 from Hurricane Ike. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, son David Joe Morris & wife Denise Fischer Morris, daughter Jana Diane Morris and husband, Harry White, granddaughter Jodi Elissa Morris & grandson Drake David Morris, Sister Nora Foshee, brother-in-law Billy Bitner and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his Father, Mother, two Sisters and one Brother. Willard was employed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for 34 years and retired in 1987. He was our guardian, our provider and our protector. He wrapped his arms around us with strength and steadfastness. He was always there to take care of us, no matter what we needed. There was no task too big or too small...whether it was untangling a fishing line, swatting a bee or repairing a broken motor. He always said he could fix anything but a broken heart. He cared deeply for his family. His passion for being outdoors, whether it was gardening, hunting or fishing sparked a desire in each of us to connect with the earth and love the nourishment nature could provide. Some of the most precious memories are ones of walks with him in his garden. We'd stop and look at each tomato plant or cucumber vine and listen to him, taking it all in, enjoying the intimate moment. He showed us how to have passion for what we enjoyed and how to take pride in what we created. He enjoyed cooking and visiting with his retired friends and later in life caring for his Grandchildren. He always had a



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story to tell even if he had no listeners. He loved to fry fish, BBQ for his family and friends and share his home-made bread & butter pickles. He loved to joke around and pull silly pranks. After a long day of making venison sausage in the kitchen, the phone would ring. He'd say, "Get that, it may be Jimmy Dean calling, worried I'm putting him out of business." And then he'd laugh and smile. He taught us to laugh and never lose touch with our inner child. He spent much of his time pursuing the sports he loved -hunting and fishing with his son and friends and traveling to see his daughter who lived in Pennsylvania for 17 years. He encountered an experience during a serious illness many years ago which took him into the valley of the shadow of death when an angel appeared to him, telling him to return, God had not yet finished with him. This event changed his life. He became a member of First Baptist Church Lomax in 2002 where he helped with grounds maintenance many years until his health declined. Early onset of dementia created many changes in his life and in 2014 he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease which eventually led to being homebound and severely incapacitated. Even though he could no longer speak, in his own way he gave us his love and passed on to us wisdom and insight for life. God called Willard home on July 7, 2018. He was a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and our teacher. He will be deeply missed. We wish to thank Pastor Jerry & Terri Agnew and friends at Lomax Baptist Church for the prayers, calls, love and support given to us. We also thank our friends, our family, Tomikia Brooks, all the hospice team at Texas Home Health ± Hospice and the healthcare team on Hall 400 at The Rio in Texas City. Visitation will be at 10:00am and the Service will be at 11:00am at Paul U lee Funeral home on Thursday July 12, 2018. In lieu of floral expressions, donations will be accepted at First Baptist Church Lomax Building Fund, 11303 North H Street, La Porte, TX 77571



## Tribute Wall

**Willard Morris**

A7

**Alton & Peggy Hamilton Of Lott, Tx. 76656** posted:

So very sorry for the loss of Willard. We know he will be missed. Prayers to the family.

July 18 at 7:00 PM

JL

**Joe Gomer Of Laporte** posted:

Marilyn, my condolences to you and your family. Willard was indeed a good man and leaves behind many memories of many friends.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

MP

**Melvyn Richnow Of 1102 E. Princeton Deer Park** posted:

I really am sorry that I missed the services. What great times we had hunting on his south Texas ranch and also the package hunts in the hill country. I will miss Willard a lot.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

DP

**Don And Annette Wake And Family Of Pasadena Tx** posted:

Willard and I (Don Wake) shared many, many fun trips hunting. We loved his bread and butter pickles. I sure hope he left Marilyn the receipt. Peace you deserve. Until we meet again. In prayers, Don, Annette and Family

July 10 at 7:00 PM

ML

**Mary Lingo** posted:

Marilyn, I was so sorry to hear of Willard's passing. I enjoyed working with him for many years at Goodyear. He always had a story to tell and a smile on his face. Dillard and I enjoyed visiting with Willard and you at the retirement meetings and the Galena Park reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mary Lingo

July 10 at 7:00 PM



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JP

**Joyce Sease Of La Porte, Tx** posted:

Marilyn, my thoughts and prayers are with you. From my own similar experience last year, we must know and trust that we're on God's time table and not ours. Although I didn't personally know Willard, from reading the obituary it sounds like he's been a very special person. I can't attend the services tomorrow due to a scheduled medical test at 10 am but I will truly have you and your family in my thoughts. Love, Joyce Sease

July 10 at 7:00 PM

MH

**Mary Morris Of Houston Tx** posted:

Sorry to hear of your lost I'm Mary I'm Mrs forchee old neighbor God bless

July 9 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jenifer Stout** posted:

Billy and I will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers!!!

July 9 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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