



## David Lee Willson

January 1, 1945 - February 1, 2023

The Honorable David Lee Willson, 78, passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. David leaves behind his beloved wife, Mary K. Willson (nee Bleilinger). David was a devoted husband and was respected and loved by many. He lived in the same home for 50 years, which was annexed into the City of Manchester. David enjoyed a 35-year career in sales of health products at 3M, working with hospitals, doctors' offices, and other medical facilities. After having retired from 3M, David served the City of Manchester as Mayor from 2008-2018, and was very active with the Missouri Municipal League, including serving on the Resolutions Committee; with the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis, including serving on the Executive Board; with the Metro Mayors of Greater St. Louis, with the Lafayette Area Mayors Association, and with the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce. David was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 8 from 10 am-12 pm at Bellerive Indoor Mausoleum, 740 N. Mason Road, Creve Coeur, Missouri, with the funeral service to follow. A "special" Celebration of Life will be held at the Park Building at Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road on Thursday, February 9 from 4:30-7:30. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Manchester Shop With a Cop Fund, P.O. Box 825, Ballwin, MO 63011.

Services entrusted to Valhalla Funeral Chapel.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of David Lee Willson please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery Details

## Bellerive Gardens Cemetery

740 North Mason Road  
St. Louis, MO 63141  
(314) 434-3933  
info@bellerivegardens.com  
<https://bellerivegardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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*Mausoleum Chapel*

## Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer L Willson - February 06, 2023 at 11:36 PM

JW

*Dave & Jenny May 1974*

Jennifer L Willson - February 06, 2023 at 11:39 PM

JS

“ *Willy, what a teddy bear and great friend. During high school we were very close. Baseball, basketball, softball, ping pong, church camp all provided positive memories.*

*Dave was an outstanding first baseman in high school and American Legion. His abilities save me at least 10 throwing errors every season.*

*I fondly recall our heated ping pong matches played in his basement. They often lasted 2/3 hours. How could any memory of Dave be complete without remembering his white Chevy Corvair. We put so many miles on that car together.*

*Dave was sincere and genuine. What you saw was what you got. I have nothing but fond memories of our experiences together. I truly admired respected and loved him. His presence in my life enriched it forever. Thank Willy.*

*Jerry Smith*

Jerry Smith - February 06, 2023 at 10:36 PM

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“ *Art Bulger purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Lee Willson.*



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**Art Bulger** - February 05, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Willson.*



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February 05, 2023 at 02:22 PM

RS

“ *My sympathy and prayers as you grieve the death of David. A dedicated public servant.  
Fr. Tom Santen*

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**Rev. Thomas Santen** - February 05, 2023 at 07:01 AM

JS

“ *Mary, so sorry to hear about Dave. Lorraine and I send our sincere condolences. Memories of the days playing basketball at UMSL(62-67) will never be forgotten. Dave was truly a close college buddy. He spent many hours at our house talking with my Mom to all hours of the night. At times like this I regret that our lives got too busy and we didn't keep in touch.  
May he Rest In Peace and may you find comfort in your memories.  
John and Lorraine Sarantakis*

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**John Sarantakis** - February 04, 2023 at 03:04 PM



*In High school Dave encouraged me on swim team ,me small and insecure, to just do my best, not try to match others. Took me a few years to pull myself together. May not have made much of life without it.*

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**Tom wickwire** - February 05, 2023 at 03:20 PM