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Chesapeake, VA

10.07.1940 - 10.08.2020

**Birthplace:** North Carolina

**Served in the :** Army

Alvis Dean Willard, 80, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2020. He was the son of the late Allen and Ethel Willard.

He was an Army Veteran and later in life retired from Norfolk Naval Shipyard in 1995. He was a charter member of Sweethaven Baptist Church and an avid NASCAR fan. From 1976 to 2019, he was a Santa Helper at the Christmas store in Smithfield, VA.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 56 years, Billie S. Willard; son, Patrick D. Willard (Laura) of Portsmouth, VA; sister, Linda Hill (Ronnie) of Portsmouth, VA sister-in-law, Heide Willard; grandchildren, Darby and Patrick Willard, Jr.; niece, Michelle Hill and nephew, Mark Hill along with many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Sweethaven Baptist Church, 500 W. Norfolk Rd. Portsmouth, VA 23703 with Rev. Cary Borkerat officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adam's Way Randleman, NC 27317 or to American Heart Association, 4669 South Blvd. #103 Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Condolences may be registered at [RWBakerFH.com](http://RWBakerFH.com).

### Service

**Start Time:** Thursday, October 29, 2020 - 06:30pm

Sweethaven Baptist Church

5000 W Norfolk Rd.

Portsmouth, VA 23703

United States

### Google Maps Link

Directions to Sweethaven Baptist Church

(<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Sweethaven+Baptist>

+Church,+5000+W+Norfolk+Rd.,+Portsmouth,+VA+23703

,+US/@17z)

## Guestbook

**Pamela Oliver**

**Mon, 10/12/2020 -  
08:37pm**

His memory will live on for many families on our shelves each Christmas. After we found him for our first born, we looked forward to seeing him each year (and even in the off season)!

Thanks for sharing him with us.

Pamela Oliver

**Frank & Bobbie Piland**

**Mon, 10/12/2020 -  
09:31pm**

Billie & Family, Our sincere sympathy is extended to you at this time. We are so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the caring of friends and family and may all of your happy memories sustain you and bring you peace. Know that he brought so much joy to so many, young and old. Love, Bobbie & Frank Piland

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**Cathy Kohler**

**Wed, 10/21/2020 -  
10:29am**

Dean and Billie loved being part of so many children's Christmas as Santa and Mrs. Clause. They visited my kids over the years at home and I can still visualize the excitement when we answered the knock at the door and there stood Santa! They would see other Santa's out and about and my kids and grandkids would always say that's not our Santa, he is just a helper. Our Santa is the real one!

One year Dean gave them a magnet, which was a picture of him checking his list, that magnet stayed on our refrigerator until Christmas every year and I would see them stop to talk to him periodically when they would walk by. It warmed my heart that their belief in Dean was so real. The magnet is placed on our refrigerator every December to this day and this year Santa will be whispered to in heaven. Dean and Billie will continue to be in the hearts of us all

Cathy Kohler

**Rose Valentine**

**Wed, 10/21/2020 -  
04:27pm**

Billie and family .My prayers go out to all of you . My grandchildren and I have many fond memories of Dean he always took time out to make everyone's children happy. My grandchildren look forward to coming to work with me to see Santa .We will always have many fond memories, as you will . God Bless you and your family

Rose Valentine

**Bernie Kirsch**

**Sun, 10/25/2020 -  
10:14pm**

Dean and I were schoolmates and bandmates in the Cradock High School band in the late fifties.

He was a sweet guy and one who easily made friends.

My sympathy is extended to his family and many friends who are grieving his death.

May he be remembered for his kindness and may he rest in peace.

Bernie Kirsch

**Joanne Ashley**

**Wed, 10/28/2020 -  
12:33am**

We were blessed to have Dean as part of our family. We will cherish the memories we have of going to Smithfield for breakfast with Santa. We love you Billie, Patrick, Laura, Darby and PJ.

Joanne Ashley

**Tommie Ann Turner  
Marshall**

**Wed, 10/28/2020 -  
06:40pm**

Billy and family I am so sorry. Dean was a awesome man. I loved going to Church at Sweethaven with you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We will see him again. Love you all

Tommie Ann Turner Marshall