



John Willingham

June 25, 1937 - March 8, 2013

John Thomas Willingham passed away Friday, March 8, 2013 in Sun City, AZ where he had lived for the past 9 years. Before that he had lived in Fremont, CA for 48 years. He was born in Portales, NM on June 25, 1937. Preceded in death by his parents Rollie Guy and Johnnie Edna Willingham of Brawley, CA. Survived by his wife of 56 years Betty Willingham of Sun City, AZ; 4 children: John Willingham of Modesto, CA, Beverly Esteban of Oakland, CA, Caren Alcantar of Fremont, CA, Mark Willingham of Sun City, AZ; daughter in law Phyllis Willingham and son in law Richard Alcantar. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 more greats on the way. He was the oldest of 8 children and his surviving brothers and sisters are Ann Stidham, Barbara Charlton, David Willingham of Brawley, CA, Linda La Maire of Sacramento, CA, Charles Willingham of Springdale, AR, Margaret Parks of El Cajon, CA, and Janice Hornick of Yuma, AZ. As well as all their spouses and children.

He was a member of Operating Engineers Union Local 3 for 46 years. He loved his family very much and loved his grandbabies. Over the years he was an avid bowler, softball coach, and little league coach. He was a member of Fremont First Assembly of God for years.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 18, from 11am-1pm and a Chapel Service will begin at 1pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd.,

Fremont, CA 94536. Burial will follow at Irvington Memorial Cemetery in Fremont, CA.

Tribute Wall

NR

“*Mr. Willingham you will always hold a place in my heart. I will never forget the long days of taking care of you. You really made me work hard:-)Your family was there to witness that. You probably don't remember much of that stay in the ICU in Phoenix, but I will always remember. Getting to see you leave the ICU was a miracle. You were so sick. You gave your family a year more. I hope you found your peace. Getting to know your family during your stay in the ICU was a blessing. Every time I walk by room 2-228 I say under my breath that was Mr. Willingham's room. You weren't just a patient to me you were someones loved one, someones father and husband. I hope you find peace in heaven.*
Hugs- Your Nurse,
Rachael

Nurse Rachael - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BE

“*Dad you have been gone such a short time and I miss you so much already! I know you are so much happier now and not in pain. But how do I learn to live without you? Praying for the strength to get thru this the tears I shed are joy for you and sadness for me love you Daddy rest in peace on the streets of gold you always have wanted to walk on! Until we meet again you always be close to my heart every moment of everyday!*

Beverly Esteban - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“*Dearest Jesus, cover this family with Your grace, and may they reside in Your peace. As they are hurting and mourning, may they exhibit patience and kindness so that they do not injure another. Fill their lives with Your presence, and may they run toward Your love.*

Darla Cloud - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“Dearest Tommy, my precious big brother, I already miss you more than you know. You were always "there for me" when I needed you to help me move, to go for Mexican food, to fix something. . . You were the BEST! You were a Godly man who loved our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus with all your heart. I KNOW you are even now rejoicing in heaven with Him. I love you always. Linda

Linda LeMaire - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“We have loved you always, but now you are one of Our Lords newest Angels! Nothing but love, grace, and COMPLETE happiness for you now in Paradise! Of course we will all miss you so much, but now when we think of you, we can remember this is the start of your birthday's with your Heavenly Father. Maybe believing in this will make our loss just a bit easier to live with. I have Faith that it will. God bless you Tommy, until we see you again! We love you.

Michael and September Solley and Bonita Crossman - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“I love you Uncle Tommy! You were a godly and kind man. Thank you for the many happy family memories of games, the circus, holidays, and more.

Sandi Thompson - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VC

“I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend!

Velma Crume - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I love you Uncle Tommy*

Cassandra Johnson - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I thoughts and prays are with all of you. Wish we could be there Monday but our thoughts will be with you.*

Charles & Freda Willingham - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time in life when saying good-by hurts so bad. John, was a great man and will be missed by everyone. RIP John, until we meet again my friend. Love The Cardenas Family*

carol Cardenas - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM