



James Frank Willis

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James Frank Willis, 42, of Dallas and formerly of Longview, TX, died on Monday, November 4, 2024. Born on April 3, 1982 in Longview, he was the son of the late James Rodney Willis and Denise Bufkin Soppe. Called “Bubba” by his family, he loved the Lord and demonstrated that through his loving, kind spirit and helpfulness. “Bubba” attended Trinity School of Texas and Spring Hill ISD during his years in Longview. He represented Spring Hill ISD at the UIL State Tennis Tournament as a Sophomore. Graduating High School in 2000 from Rockwall ISD, he played on their tennis team, advancing to UIL Regionals. He continued his outstanding tennis endeavors at Collin County Community College for two years. James began tennis at a young age and continued his love of the game as an adult – he taught tennis and organized tournaments throughout his life at different clubs in Dallas. He added volleyball to his favorite pastimes and began coaching it as well. James loved traveling, coaching, listening to music, and playing tennis, volleyball, and golf.

James is survived by his mother, Denise Soppe, siblings, Tracy (Bobby) Ball, Shannon Hood, James Soppe, Daisy (Matt) Smith, and Coletta Soppe. Surviving aunts and uncles include Tommy and Sharon Bufkin, Frank and Suzi Bufkin, and Barbara LaBarbra. Beloved cousins include Thomas (Lauren) Bufkin, Vaughan Bufkin, Dayton Bufkin, Jason (April) Moore, and Sarah Fincher. He will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, and a large number of friends, fellow coaches, players, and students. James was preceded in death by his dad Rod Willis, stepdad Jim Soppe, and grandparents Frank and Anne Bufkin and John and Dorris Willis.

Graveside services will be held at noon on Monday, November 18, 2024 at Hallsville Cemetery in Hallsville, TX.




Events

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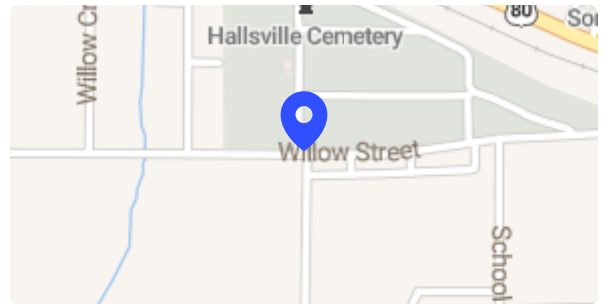
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Graveside Service


 **Monday**, November 18, 2024

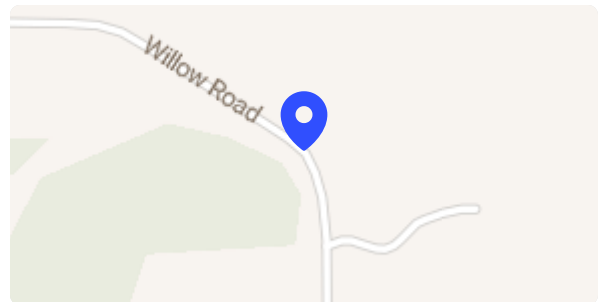
 12:00 PM CT

 **Hallsville Cemetery**
Willow Street, Hallsville TX



Cemetery Details

 **Hallsville Cemetery**
Willow Rd, Hallsville TX 75650





Tribute Wall

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Victory Volleyball Club sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Willis family.

November 16 at 5:39 PM



Victory Volleyball Club planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

November 16 at 5:39 PM



The Classics Team At Gleneagles sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Willis family.

November 16 at 3:30 AM



The Classics Team At Gleneagles planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

November 16 at 3:30 AM



Love, Kristina & Laura Siegler sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Willis family.

November 15 at 8:59 AM



Love, Kristina & Laura Siegler planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

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Susan T. sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Willis family.

November 15 at 8:58 AM



Susan T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.

November 15 at 8:58 AM



The Bruner Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Willis family.

November 15 at 7:07 AM



Sara Kindred And Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Willis family.

November 15 at 6:14 AM



Aaron, Becky, Maggie, And Riley Hood sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Willis family.

November 14 at 6:17 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Willis family.

November 14 at 5:30 PM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



November 14 at 5:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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