



## Willie Y. Willis

May 17, 1920 - December 12, 2010

Willie “Young” Willis age 90 of Niota passed away Sunday, December 12, at NHC Health Care Center of Athens. He was a Deacon and Member of Union McMinn Baptist Church. He was a World War II Veteran of the US Army serving in campaign of Ardennes, Campaign of Central Europe and Campaign of Rhineland, he received Bronze Service Stars (3) for Campaigns of Ardennes Rhineland Central Europe TWX Hq AAC 23 Jun 45 Oklahoma City France Combat Infantry Badge GO 22 Hq 346th Inf 22 Apr 45 European African, Lapel Button Issued and a Middle Eastern Theatre of Operations Campaign Ribbon.

Preceded in death by his wife Ellen Dawson Willis, Parents: Henry and Daisy Willis. Sister: Nellie Watts, Brothers: Russell, Earl and Glade Willis. Survived by son and daughter-in-law: John H. and Fay Willis, daughter and son-in-law: Frances and Larry Markle all of Niota, grandchildren: Robin Knott of Rogers Creek, Pattie Hall of Niota, Felecia Mills of Madisonville, Melissa “Missy” Cox of Knoxville, Stacey Duran of Cheyenne, WY, Heith Willis of Riceville, Shane Markle of Niota, 16 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at Union McMinn Baptist Church from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The body will lie in state on Thursday, December 16, 2010 from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM at the church the funeral service to follow at 2:00 PM with Rev. Doug Alexander officiating. Interment to follow in Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors provided by the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156 and the Monroe

County Disabled American Veterans Chapter #93. Sweetwater Memory Chapel in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

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**Angie Wicker Knox** - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our sympathy to the Willis family. I have very fond memories of serving as Young's pastor from 1973-1978 at Union McMinn Baptist Church. Young and Ellen were two of my favorite people. Young helped me build 2 rooms on our house. He was a good man. May God's blessings be with you.*

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**Clayton Dunsmore** - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM