



## Willie Ralph Hickerson

October 24, 1935 - November 10, 2022

During the afternoon of November 10, 2022, Willie Ralph Hickerson of Hohenwald, Tennessee, died with his family present. He was 87 years old.

Willie Ralph was born to J.W. and Bernice Hickerson in 1935. A Possum Creek farm was his childhood home. He graduated from Wayne County High School. In 1956, he married Mary Lavenia, and together they had three sons, Anthony Ralph, Timothy William, and Corey Allan. Willie Ralph and Mary lived in multiple states working to bring telephone service to rural areas before returning to Tennessee. As a carpenter and construction worker, many homes, bridges, and other buildings in the Middle Tennessee area were built by Willie Ralph. He was a long-time employee of the Dana Corporation. He retired in 1996 to a farm in Wayne county adjacent to his parent's home.

Willie Ralph was a dedicated husband, father, and fisherman. When not working, Willie Ralph could be found on the Tennessee River, always searching for that bigger, more elusive catfish. He was known for his patience and kind heart. He was a member of Grinder's Creek Church of Christ.

Willie Ralph is preceded in death by his father, mother, and son Anthony. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Tim (Cindy) Hickerson, and Corey (Laura) Hickerson; one brother Bobby (Mary) Hickerson; five grandchildren, Jonathan (Katie) Hickerson, Jessica (Andrew) Stafford, Hannah Hickerson,

Lillian Hickerson, and Jude Hickerson; and six great-grandchildren, Julia, Clark, and Nora Hickerson, Emmeline, Owen, and Leif Stafford.

Visitation with the family will be from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 13 at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald. Funeral Services will follow beginning at 2:00 PM with Brother Rod Littrell officiating and congregational singing led by Jake Littrell.

Burial will follow in the Dean Cemetery in Linden, TN.

# Cemetery Details

## Dean Cemetery

Sugar Hill Rd  
Linden, TN 37096

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County  
20 West 2nd Avenue  
Hohenwald, TN 38462  
(931) 796-2207

## Funeral Service

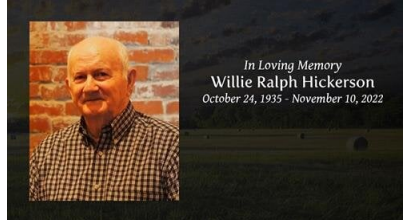
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# Tribute Wall



“ McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Ralph Hickerson



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McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - January 06, 2023 at 12:39 PM

SC

“ Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Hickerson



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Sheila Chance - November 15, 2022 at 01:37 PM

DA

“ Dana lit a candle in memory of Willie Hickerson



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Dana - November 14, 2022 at 10:48 PM

SQ

“ *Sherry Quillen sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Hickerson*



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**Sherry Quillen** - November 13, 2022 at 12:24 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Willie Hickerson*



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**Ronald Gammons** - November 12, 2022 at 10:57 AM

CB

“ *Prayers for you Greg and the family*



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**Connie Berry** - November 11, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Willie Ralph Hickerson*



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**Betty Love** - November 11, 2022 at 06:57 PM

DA

“ Dana lit a candle in memory of Willie Ralph Hickerson



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Dana - November 11, 2022 at 06:56 PM

RL

“ Randy Lynch sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Ralph Hickerson



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Randy lynch - November 11, 2022 at 05:47 PM