



Russell Edward Willoughby

January 3, 1957 - March 12, 2020

Russell Edward Willoughby, of Terrell, passed away peacefully with family by his side on March 12, 2020. Russell was born Jan. 3, 1957 in Irving, Tx to Olan and Frances Willoughby, both of whom preceded him in death along with his nephew, Shannon Covington and cousin, Billy Willoughby.

Russell grew up in the Irving area and attended Nimitz High School. He worked in the transport industry with Yellow Freight and most recently with YRC Freight. He was also a very active member of Teamsters Union #745 where Russell served as a dedicated union steward. His easy going and friendly personality enabled him to be successful in his occupational responsibilities. Russell truly never met a stranger and his generosity in his time given to others was well known. His wit and sense of humor as well as Russell's ready smile were always welcome parts of the day to everyone he met and worked alongside. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was an excellent cook with a specialty in smoking and barbecuing. He was an accomplished and talented guitar player and many memories were made singing and sharing funny stories with his many friends. A man of honor, integrity and great love for his family, Russell will be missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Karen Willoughby of Terrell; son, Phillip Olan Willoughby of Grand Saline; daughter, Christa and her husband, Charles Dorsey, II, of Oklahoma; step-children: Jesse Samples and wife, Lindsey, of Elmo, Brandi Chanthaseng and husband, Thong, of Terrell,

Angela McFarlin and Phillip, of Elmo; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; siblings: Linda Willoughby of Pilot Point, Mark Willoughby of Eules and Pam Willoughby of Weatherford as well as many other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and a host of friends who loved him and will miss him dearly.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Myrtle Cemetery in Ennis, Texas. The family will receive friends 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Monday, March 16, 2020, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Myrtle Cemetery

105 W. Knox St
Ennis, TX 75119

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Edward Willoughby*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Karen & Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Russell, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bettye Boyd & Family

Bettye Boyd - March 16, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 16, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Teamsters Local Union 745 Officers and Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



Teamsters Local Union 745 Officers and Staff - March 16, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 15, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 15, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 15, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 15, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 15, 2020 at 07:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 14, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 14, 2020 at 12:47 PM

BG

“ *Russell you were the perfect example of what a steward should be. You stood up for your people, while being a perfect gentleman. You were a rare breed and will be greatly missed, prayers for karen and the family.*

bertha groom - March 14, 2020 at 07:37 AM

RC

“ *I remember driving to New Orleans with him for grievance hearings about 2010 and by the time we got back my was sore from laughing at that special humor he had , there was never a dull moment with Russell ! He could make you laugh without even trying ! Russell we love and miss you brother! Until we meet again my friend!*
Rod C



Rod Cuevas - March 13, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.*



March 13, 2020 at 04:06 PM

JG

“ I met Russell when I started to work for Yellow Frt. in 1990. We worked the same shift and docks for over 25 years. We went through good times and bad together. He was always there if you needed him and had that witty personality that always had you laughing. There was never a dull moment with Russell. I remember one time he had some strawberry shine and said here try this. I put the jar up to take a drink and the fumes were overwhelming.it took me a couple of times to overcome the fumes but finally I got it down. I will never forget him laughing so hard. He afterwards said....some good stuff huhhh. He was a one of a kind person and always considered him a friend of mine. He will truly be missed ,

Jim Gallion - March 13, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.



March 13, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Russell Edward Willoughby.



March 13, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Russell Edward Willoughby.



March 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *I have some very fond memories of going out to the ranch for some
pickin and grinin!* 🎵🎸 *RIP Russell*

Kay Banks - March 13, 2020 at 03:08 PM