



Reta Fern (Rector) Willis

November 8, 1931 - February 4, 2016

Reta Fern (Rector) Willis, age 84, of Chanute, KS went to heaven on Thursday, February 4, 2016 in Chanute. Reta was born on November 8, 1931 in Dodge City, KS the daughter of Frances (Britt) and Clarence Rector.

Reta attended elementary school in Colorado and Macon, MO. Her family moved to Chanute and she graduated from CHS in 1950 and then attended one year at Central College in McPherson, KS. While there, she performed in the choir and was recognized numerous times for her singing ability. Reta was joined in marriage to Marion Willis on November 5, 1951, in Arkansas. Together they owned and operated Faith Well Service for 36 years. Reta and Marion attended First Baptist Church in Chanute.

Reta was always involved in her church. She would teach Bible school, sing in the church choir and helped others in need. She loved getting involved with missionaries and helping support them. Reta also enjoyed spending time with her family and being a part of their lives and she enjoyed making flower arrangements and sewing.

Reta is survived by:

Husband:

Marion Willis

Sons:

Rick Willis and wife Susan of Chanute

David Willis and wife Donna of Chanute

Ed Willis and wife Tava of Chanute

Daughter:

Renee' (Willis) Berthot and husband Kevin of Chanute

Nine Grandchildren

Six Great Grandchildren

Reta was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Frances Ruth and a sister, Katherine Flowers.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Chanute. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Families request memorials to FireEscape Coffeehouse in Chanute and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Chanute
118 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720

Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

BS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all. Ben & Becky Smith

Ben Smith - February 10, 2016 at 07:14 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Reta Fern (Rector) Willis.



February 09, 2016 at 02:08 PM

DB

“ Marion and family,
Sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this sad and hard time. God is always with us.
With Love and prayers,
David & Nancy Baum
Mountain Home, Ar.

David & Nancy Baum - February 09, 2016 at 11:41 AM

DB

“ David & Nancy Baum lit a candle in memory of Reta Fern (Rector) Willis



David & Nancy Baum - February 09, 2016 at 11:35 AM

LG

“ *Lew Shideler and Christy Garrison purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Reta Fern (Rector) Willis.*



Lew Shideler and Christy Garrison - February 08, 2016 at 01:03 PM

LB

“ *Ed and family, I am sorry for the loss of your mom. May God comfort you at this time.*

Love, Leyona

Leyona Burris - February 08, 2016 at 10:54 AM

DD

“ *Donna Hanson Dye lit a candle in memory of Reta Fern (Rector) Willis*



Donna Hanson Dye - February 06, 2016 at 08:42 PM