

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-**

4 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

SOME LOVE STORIES CHANGE THE WORLD

**UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

*Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only I could have you back  
for just a little while*

*Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
you always meant so very much  
and always will do too*

*The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again*

# Homegoing Celebration



## Maxine Shelton Willis Griffith

*Sunrise: July 8, 1950*

*Sunset: December 12, 2025*

### **Final Tribute**

Saturday December 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

### **Fourth Street Baptist Church**

821 West 4th Street

Owensboro, KY 42301

*Final Arrangements Entrusted to:*



**McFarland**

**Funeral Home, Inc**

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## Obituary

**Maxine Shelton (Willis) Griffith**, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, was born on July 8, 1950, in Owensboro, Kentucky, to the late McArthur Shelton Willis, Sr. and Vannie Mae Higgs Willis. On Friday, December 12, 2025, she peacefully departed this earthly life at her home, with her devoted husband, William Edward “Med” Griffith, by her side.

Maxine attended Western Elementary School and graduated from Owensboro Senior High School. She later spent a brief time in Kansas City, Missouri, before returning to Owensboro to remain close to her family. At an early age, she professed her faith in Christ as her Savior while attending Mount Calvary Baptist Church, where she worshipped faithfully and participated in many church activities.

She worked for many years with the former Bell System and retired from BellSouth. Maxine also spent several years employed at MPD Manufacturing in Owensboro.

Beyond her professional life, she found joy in crossword puzzles and especially in cross-stitching, generously gifting her creations to others. She loved cooking and baking—her pound cakes and pies were legendary, and she even mastered the art of yeast rolls.

Affectionately known as “Aunt Max” or “Maxi,” she was cherished by family and friends alike. Her home was always open, her laughter contagious, and her smile radiant—one that lit up her whole face and brought joy to those around her. Maxine delighted in socializing, dancing, listening to “old school” music, and sharing moments of humor that often left her in tears of laughter.

Maxine leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. She is survived by her children, Ricky (Diana) and Joyce “Baby Sister”; grandchildren Darrell, DeMarko, Dehavin (Mackenzie), Donnisha, and Desmond; siblings McArthur (Sherry) Shelton Willis, Jr., Wanda R. Willis, Vanyel L. Willis-Parker, and LaVonne Renaye Willis; nieces ShaRetha V. Chilton, KimBra D. (Gabriel) Chilton Wade, LaTasia (Jay) Evans, and Venus (Warren) Arnold; nephews Mickey (Irene) Shelton Willis III, Mickey Willis IV, Shelton Anton Willis, Terran Willis, Justin Willis, and Timothy Willis; favorite cousin Lewis Willis; ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several great-nieces and nephews, including Matthew (deceased); and a host of beloved friends and acquaintances.

## Order of Service

*Saturday, December 20, 2025, 11:00 a.m.*

*Rev. Dr. Jeremiah L Parks*

*Pastor, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Owensboro, KY*

*Officiating*

*Entrance and Final Viewing*

*The Family*

*Opening Selection*

*Mount Calvary Choir*

*Scripture*

*Prayer*

*Musical Selection*

*Soloist Deacon Marcus Smith*

*Resolutions*

*Remarks*

*Pulpit Ministers*

*Musical Selection*

*Mount Calvary Choir*

*Tributes*

*Musical Selection*

*Soloist Deacon Marcus Smith*

*Eulogy*

*Pastor Clarence Tapp*

*Church of Jesus Christ Fellowship  
Sorgho, KY*

*Committal and Benediction*

*Recessional*

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### **Acknowledgement:**

*The family wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers and other expressions of kindness and concern given to them during this time of*

*bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*