## Willis Lee Winkler

79, a resident of Lincoln, Arkansas, died on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at his home. He was born November 8, 1939 in Morrow, Arkansas, the son of Bert Eugene and Bessie Alice (Griffin) Winkler.

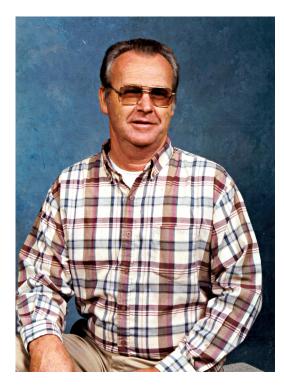
Willis was employed by the Lincoln Public Schools for 40 years. After his retirement, he spent his days working on the farm alongside his wife. He was an avid collector of Allis Chalmers tractors, having collected all of the D series. He was a man of faith, dedicated to his church The Sanctuary of Lincoln and highly respected by all who knew him.

Willis was preceded in death by brothers Homer, Bobby, Paul, Jim, sister Asalee Bredrick, brother-in-law Steve Johnson and wife Phyllis (Guess) Johnson, brother-in-law Wayne Johnson, daughter-in-law Kimberly Winkler, granddaughters Kristi O'Brien, Rachel Winkler, Marsha Winkler-Frost, and great grandson Sebastian Frost.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Nancy JoAnne (Johnson) Winkler, son Larry Winkler and wife Esther of Neosho, MO, daughter Debbee O'Brien of Lincoln, AR, daughter Sara Williams of Fort Smith, AR, son Jon Mark Winkler of Dutch Mills, AR, two brothers Hugh Winkler and wife Edna of Summers, AR, and Floyd Winkler and wife Brenda of Siloam Springs, AR; nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.



APPRECIATION On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service. Luginbuel Funeral Home Prairie Grove, Arkansas online guest book, visit <u>www.luginbuel.com</u>



## Willis Winkler November 8, 1939 - July 31, 2019

There will be rose and rhododendron When you are dead and under ground; Still will be heard from white syringas Heavy with bees, a sunny sound;

Still will the tamaracks be raining After the rain has ceased, and still Will there be robins in the stubble, Black angus upon the warm green hill, Spring will not ail nor autumn falter; Nothing will know that you are gone, Saving along some sullen plough-land None but yourself sets foot upon;

Saving the may-weed and the pig-weed Nothing will know that you are dead, These, and perhaps a useless tractor Standing beside some tumbled shed.

Oh, there will pass with your great passing Little of beauty not your own, Only the light from common water, Only the grace from simple stone! CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Willis Lee Winkler

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE Saturday, August 3, 2019 - 10:00 A.M. The Sanctuary - Lincoln, Arkansas

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music Selections	
Opening Prayer	Jason Campbell
"Back When We Were Beautiful"	
Eulogy	Jeff O'Brien
"Fear Not My Child"	Jennifer Cotton
Message	David McBride
Closing Prayer	
Family Memories Video	

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

**Postlude Music Selections** 

FINAL RESTING PLACE Bethesda Cemetery - Morrow, Arkansas

PALLBEARERS David Kidd - Don Rutherford - Gary Reed Willie Leming - Terry Hardin - Archie Ackley

> HONORARY PALLBEARERS The Rustic Relics Tractor Club Joe Wilhite - Randall Villines Carl Reeves - Jon Martin

Sweet Allis Chalmers

Sweet Allis Chalmers I've rode

you so long

I feel like I'm glued to your wheel

Your rusty exhaust pipe she

hums me a song

That sounds just as bad as I feel

But day after day Lord

ain't nothin' to do

But point this old tractor ahead

Got a sweet runnin' tractor

and four-bottom plow

