

Billy Ray Wills

April 18, 1949 – February 2, 2017

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Billy Ray Wills, 67, of Fincastle, Va., passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

He was born in Hinton, W.Va., on April 18, 1949, a son of Frances Cook Wills and the late Johnnie Ray Wills who passed away in 2008. Billy was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law in 2007. Billy was an employee of Lawrence Companies for 45 years and was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Melrose Masonic Lodge No. 139, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2007 and 2009, Boone Masonic Lodge No. 247, Roanoke Valley Scottish Rite Bodies, Kazim Shrine Temple, Kazim Fire Brigade, Murray Royal Arch Chapter No. 22, where he was currently serving as High Priest, Bayard Commandery No. 15, Alpha Star Council No. 71 Allied Masonic Degrees and District Deputy Grand Master of District 22B in 2015. In addition to his mother, he is also survived by his wife, Ellen Rodes Wills.

As per his request, his body will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution, please consider the Masonic Home of Virginia, P.O. Box 7866, Henrico, VA 23231.

Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.oakeys.com.