



William "Willie" Jefferson Christie III

February 15, 1973 - February 15, 2025

William J. "Willie" Christie, III, 52, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Lakes Regional Healthcare of Spirit Lake.

A memorial service for Willie will be held Friday, May 23rd at 4:00 PM at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. Burial with Military Honors will be held at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Willie was born on February 15, 1973, to William J. II and Bernadette G.

(Gales) Christie in Bitburg, Germany. He graduated from the Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, NJ. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Tech University. Willie proudly served his country in the US Army.

After he was honorably discharged from the Army as a 1st Lieutenant, he continued to serve his country as a Sergeant in the Virginia National Guard.

He served in the 506th Parachute Infantry and later in the 116th Infantry, two historic Normandy D-Day Regiments invasion.

He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. In his free time, he enjoyed skiing, hunting, reading and running.

He is survived by his parents William J. II and Bernadette G. Christie. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Ronald and Clara Gales and paternal grandparents William J. and Parsons Christie.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave.
Arlington, VA 22211

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Spirit Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Hi Willie, I just learned of your passing. Rest in Peace. I will never forget our trip to Panama City Beach and Pensacola. You were the sweetest. A bright shining light, and so thoughtful. I know you made much impact on the world around you even if we lost touch.

Susie K. - October 22, 2025 at 06:38 PM

KH

“ Mr and Mrs Christie, so sorry to hear of Toads passing. Always thinking of him a few times each year, wish I could have got a chance to come see him - really lament gaming out of touch. miss all our AFA and grade school times and trials. (I still remember the airplane ride home!) keeping you all in my prayers. Kevin Hoffer



Kevin Hoffer - August 14, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DF

“ Dick McNealy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Willie" Jefferson Christie III.

Dick McNealy and family - April 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

DF

“ Dick McNealy and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William "Willie" Jefferson Christie III.



Dick McNealy and family - April 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

WG

“ Dear Christie Family, So sorry to hear about Willie. I didn't know Willie real well but we certainly had the same bunch of friends in the Corps of Cadets and Army ROTC. Nice to see Willie and my friends again in the photos that have been shared. A good guy gone too soon. Wayne Grant F'94

Wayne Grant - March 01, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JS

“ Jeff & Bernie - so very sorry to learn of Willie's passing.
Please find comfort in knowing that he is at peace.
Hugs to both of you! Julie Schultze



Julie A Schultze - February 25, 2025 at 06:13 PM

CD

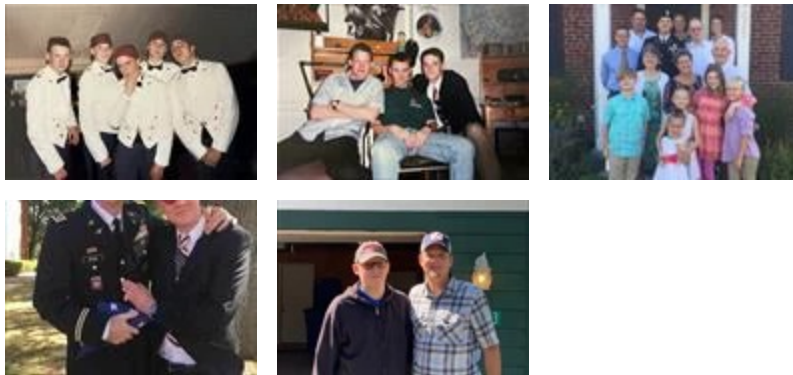
“ Ever the optimist, Willie, you could find the positive in any situation we ended up in. You'd tells us not to cry. You'd tell us you don't hurt anymore. I only wish I could have told you I love you one more time, Brother.



Chris Duesing - February 21, 2025 at 05:39 PM

LM

“ I really really loved my friend Willers. He's was always such a great friend and so positive and upbeat no matter how many times life kicked him in the nuts. My son who is a Freshman in the Corps of Cadets now said “Dad I hope I make lifelong friends in the Corps like you and your friend Willie” after we visited him in Spirit Lake a few summers ago. I love you my good friend. Rest easy.



Lee Moore - February 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eddie Eldridge - February 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM

JG

“ Willie was life. Never met someone like him and I doubt I ever will. Rest easy, Willie.



Jon Griese - February 20, 2025 at 10:22 AM

DT

“ I'm at such a deep loss right now and am struggling to come to terms with this. Willie was a shining star and the glue that brought and held so many of us together, and he continues to be that bond that so many of us share in common. To say he will be missed isn't enough. He's such a vital part of so many of our lives and memories. I learned so much from Willie he was always a pillar of strength and humility. I will miss my friend beyond words.

Doug Trevino - February 20, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TM

“ Jeff & Bernadette, I am so sorry to hear this news. Please know that you will be in our prayers, and I will remember Willie at Mass on Sunday. Fr. Carl and Jane

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

The Rev. Carl Mann - February 20, 2025 at 09:21 AM

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Eddie Eldridge - February 20, 2025 at 07:36 AM

EE

“ Willie was a great friend and Infantry Officer!



Eddie Eldridge - February 19, 2025 at 06:49 PM

RE

You will be missed and not forgotten. RIP

Robert Eldridge - February 19, 2025 at 08:10 PM

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Eddie Eldridge - February 19, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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God Bless and God Speed to a tremendous Human Being! Willie always tried to make everyone feel awesome and special. Love you, Eddie

Eddie Eldridge - February 19, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JM

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Jean Martin - February 18, 2025 at 06:23 PM

SS

“ *Susan And Dean Schoning lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" Jefferson Christie III*



Susan and Dean Schoning - February 18, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *I enjoyed our talks over the last year. Willie was so proud to serve the US Army. He was such a kind, intelligent person. He will be missed.*



Emily Petersen - February 18, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of William "Willie" Jefferson Christie III*



Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson - February 17, 2025 at 06:12 PM