



William Herbert "Will" Pou

October 1, 1959 - October 14, 2021

Saluda, SC

William Herbert "Will" Pou

William Herbert "Will" Pou of Saluda passed peacefully on October 14, 2021 after an extended illness.

The youngest of 4 children born to Mary Wilks Pou and the late James Wheeler Pou, Will loved to say, "I'm not the baby, I'm just the youngest!"

Will came into this world on the tail end of hurricane Gracie on October 1, 1959, He graduated from Saluda High School where he was in the band and played baseball. After graduation, Will spent many hours doing what he loved most - working on his father's farm. He also worked for a time as a carpenter's helper. In his last years he came back to his first love, the farm. Along with his sons, he continued James' legacy of breeding Simmental beef cattle. Sardis Simmental farm has been in operation for over 50 years.

Will was proud of his cows, but he was even more proud of his children. Jackson, Joseph, and Jana meant everything to him. He wanted you to know all about them, what they were doing and when they had stopped by for a visit.

Will was a charter member of Saluda Baptist Church and attended as long as he was able. He accepted Jesus into his heart and was baptized.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Mary W. Pou, sons, Jackson (Jesli) and Joseph Pou, daughter, Jana Pou, "bossy big sister", Mary Lou Burriss (Bill), brothers, Jim and John (Candy), all of Saluda. He especially loved his grandson, Jaxson Wheeler Pou and his canine companion, Bull.

Many thanks and much love to special caregivers Reverend Mildred Walker, Valerie

Jenkins and Tecoria Burt. There are not enough words or hugs to thank you for all you have done.

A graveside service will be held at Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jeff McCartney and Rev. Mildred Walker officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the cemetery.

The family asks that memorials be directed to Saluda Baptist Church, the 4-H Livestock Program, Saluda County EMS, or Hospice House of Greenwood.

We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Ralph Riley and staff, Saluda County EMS, Self Regional Hospital, and Hospice House of Greenwood.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery

204 Sardis Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

JY

“ *Josephine Young lit a candle in memory of William Herbert
"Will" Pou*



Josephine Young - October 22, 2021 at 06:58 PM

“ The first time I can recall seeing Will Pou was in late November/early December 1985. Will and Mike “Bigfoot” Lake were delivering some freshly cut firewood to our house. I did not converse with him since I did not know him. I was in the seventh grade at that time.

It was not until about a year later, November 1986, that I really got to become better acquainted with Will. There was a contingent of Clemson fans from Saluda that made the trek to Baltimore, MD, for the Clemson vs Maryland football game. That “crowd” consisted of: Johnny Corley (he provided the van), Red May (or Maye), Mike “Bigfoot” Lake, Will, my father (Wendell Goff aka Panch or Pancho), and me (Gregg Goff). What a trip! I will spare the details. But, I really got to know more about Will as a result.

A month later, Will joined my father and me for a trip to the Gator Bowl (Jacksonville, FL). Also joining us was Erwin “Bugsy” Kalbfleisch. Mike Lake and his nephew, Lance, drove separately, but stayed in the hotel room next to ours. So, another Clemson football outing provided more insight into the person of Will Pou.

From December 1986 – September 1990, Will’s presence was commonplace in my family’s outings for Clemson football trips (home, away, and bowl games). During these years, a famous “quintet of traveling Clemson fans” from Saluda was formed: Panch, Bugsy, Will, Bigfoot, and me. That was the core group. Our travels ranged from Maryland to Florida to points in between for many a Clemson football game. We would occasionally be joined by Rusty “Catfish” Yarbrough, Bobby Trotter, Ched Hurt (Bobby’s grandson), and Jerry Rhodes.

The most memorable Clemson trip for me (that involved Will) was the November 1989 North Carolina game, which was played in Chapel Hill. Will, Bugsy, dad, and I made the 500-mile round trip in a day, but not without some “excitement”. The game itself was a minor issue (Clemson won 35-3). The return trip was where the craziness started. Long story short, “fly projectiles” resulted on the road just outside of UNC-Chapel Hill. Then, on I-40 W, some “sign language” from some angry motorist occurred. To top it off, we got lost in downtown Charlotte twice and were kept alert by many of the Queen City’s “24-hr outdoor residents”! Get my drift? Will was using the car’s horn a lot on that trip! I laughed often and quite intensely.

In saying all the above, I feel obligated to say that Will and I had some differences. Other people aware of the facts would agree. Yet, I elect not to elaborate as I desire for this write-up to focus on the “good aspects” we shared. Just know that all has been forgiven.

Although I have not seen Will since the early 2000s, he will forever be in my father’s and my thoughts and memories come a Clemson football game, especially an away game or bowl game!

Rest in peace, Will.

Gregory & Wendell Goff - October 21, 2021 at 08:08 AM

DJ

“ I remember Will passing my house on his way to the farm. He would have Jackson and Joseph with him.. He would always wave in such a sincere matter. Our paths crossed several times years later. I thank God for being at the right places at the right time. Rest In Peace. Loved his family.

Dorothy Jackson - October 16, 2021 at 10:10 PM

AE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all, during this most difficult time. I have many fun memories of Will, he was as much of a gentleman, as I have ever been around. You could tell he had good raising and just like Will I have an “older bossy sister too”!

Angela Ellison - October 16, 2021 at 03:40 PM

RR

“ What a nice obituary. Our sincere sympathy to each of you as you mourn his passing.
Sincerely, Randy & Mable Robertson

Randy & Mable Robertson - October 16, 2021 at 10:22 AM

PB

“ Pam Bosket Barnes lit a candle in memory of William Herbert "Will" Pou



Pam Bosket Barnes - October 16, 2021 at 08:22 AM

SH

“ Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of William Herbert "Will" Pou



Sethalene Huff - October 16, 2021 at 08:16 AM

JR

“ Joyce P Rude lit a candle in memory of William Herbert "Will" Pou



Joyce P Rude - October 16, 2021 at 07:31 AM

JE

“ Your Family are in Our Thoughts and Prayers.
Brenda, Jerry and your FRIENDS at The Hardware Store.

Jerry - October 15, 2021 at 11:25 PM