



## William "Will" Cody Kniceley

April 15, 1994 - January 28, 2026

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home, inc. sends condolences to the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

On January 28, 2026, the Lord above decided he needed another precious angel. Rex, Will's stepfather, and his Pop Pop Joe (grandfather), were there to welcome him with open arms. Will became a blessing to his mother, Patty, on April 15, 1994. He was raised to be an extremely compassionate son with a huge, giving heart. His stepfather, Rex, came home from the hospital ill and was admitted to hospice care. Will didn't think twice about stepping in. He moved in to assist his mother and took over night shift care so Patty could get some much-needed rest. They worked together during the day to care for sweet Rex, alternating with family. After Rex's passing, Will never left his mother's side. He lived his life to make others happy. He was immensely dedicated to his job managing Safety & Security at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital. His dedication and incredible work ethic superseded his short 31 years. He was extremely well liked and respected by patients, colleagues, and doctors. Will has been called the "animal whisperer" by his family and friends. He fed deer to the point that he could almost feed them out of his hand. They knew he was their friend. The sweet pups he shared with his mom, Scarlett, Kiya, and Chancey greeted him warmly when he returned home from work. The eight outdoor cats always showed him affection knowing he was bringing home food, snacks and love. All the animals knew they could always count on

him. Will was born in Fairfax, VA on April 15, 1994, and spent most of his formative years in North Port, FL. He moved with his family to Shenandoah County and graduated from Central High School in 2012. Will is survived by his loving mother, Patty Fadeley of Edinburg, sister April Busche of Rushville, IN, brother Patrick Myers of Orlando, FL and his girlfriend Hunter Belle Manion of Front Royal, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends that will mourn his passing.

On Friday, February 6, 2026, there will be a service at Antioch Covenant Brethren Church at 2:00pm. Interment will be private at St. Luke Lutheran Cemetery. Pastor Dale Bennett will officiate. Pallbearers include Mike Fadeley, Billy Fadeley, J.J. Ritenour, Brayden Ritenour, Dylan Stoneburner, and Lee Dean. Will's love, warmth, compassion, smile, and personality will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Luke Lutheran Cemetery

923 St Luke Road  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Church  
23502 Senedo Road  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# Tribute Wall



“ Mike and Julie Novak purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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**Mike and Julie Novak** - February 05 at 11:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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February 05 at 08:47 PM



“ Kevin and Sylvia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

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**Kevin and Sylvia** - February 05 at 08:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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February 05 at 11:55 AM

TM

“ I am deeply saddened and my heart aches for all of Will's family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones. I have many memories of interacting with Will through my job at Valley Health. He was the absolute sweetest. Always kind, always a warm smile, always helpful, always protective and supportive. He will be dearly missed.

Tiffany Markwood - February 05 at 09:18 AM

SS

“ SMH Surgical Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



SMH Surgical Services - February 05 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ SMH Surgical Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

SMH Surgical Services - February 05 at 09:03 AM

MH

“ Maynard, Warren, & Hilltop purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



Maynard, Warren, & Hilltop - February 05 at 06:50 AM

MH

“ *Maynard, Warren, & Hilltop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.*

Maynard, Warren, & Hilltop - February 05 at 06:50 AM

LN

“ *Love, Jessie Novak purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.*



Love, Jessie Novak - February 04 at 11:23 PM

JN

“ *My forever friend since kindergarten. My guitar hero playing, Viva La Bam watching, jamming to 3 Days Grace best friend. I will cherish you and our memories forever. Thank you for being the loving, kind and compassionate friend I always needed. May you rest in God's paradise. Love you forever!!! Jessie xoxo*



Jessica Novak - February 04 at 11:15 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.*



February 04 at 09:21 PM

SS

“ *Sound Physicians at SMH purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.*



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**Sound Physicians at SMH** - February 04 at 03:01 PM

SB

“ *My heart is just breaking for you, Patty, and all of Will's family and loved ones. My prayers are with you that God will put His loving arms around you all to give you the strength to endure these most difficult of days. Sending my heartfelt condolences.*  
*Sandy Burner-Cave*

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**Sandy Burner-Cave** - February 04 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.*



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February 04 at 02:24 PM

SO

“ Will's SMH Outpatient Behavioral Health family sends their deepest condolences and prayers to Will's mother, family, friends and his SMH colloquies. We will miss his huge heart, his sense of humor, smile and his sweet personality. Will took his job to heart and the safety and protection of the patients and his SMH family was his number one priority. He was a one-of-a-kind, down-to-earth young man who will greatly be missed.



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**SMH OPBH** - February 04 at 02:16 PM

SK

“ Shelby K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

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**Shelby K.** - February 04 at 02:08 PM

MM

“ Rest easy my friend. Your personality and sense of humor will be greatly missed around the hospital<3

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**Marni Morgan** - February 04 at 12:01 PM

KH

“ Will was a kind soul to everyone he encountered Will always kept a smile on his face Will took his job at SMH seriously as he always had our safety first Will always spoke of his mom to me and shared the bond and love he had for her God bless to the entire family

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**Kim Harlan** - February 04 at 11:25 AM

LH

“ Lesa Hedrick lit a candle in memory of William "Will" Kniceley



Lesa Hedrick - February 04 at 10:22 AM

YS

“ Your Lab Family At SMH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

Your Lab Family At SMH - February 04 at 10:22 AM

YS

“ Your Lab Family At SMH purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



Your Lab Family At SMH - February 04 at 10:22 AM

ST

“ SMH Pharmacy Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

SMH Pharmacy Team - February 04 at 10:12 AM

ST

“ SMH Pharmacy Team purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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**SMH Pharmacy Team** - February 04 at 10:12 AM

FT

“ Front Royal/Warren County TRIAD purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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**Front Royal/Warren County TRIAD** - February 03 at 01:58 PM

PD

“ Sympathy goes to Will's family. Worked at hospital with him. He would never hesitate to help you with a problem or just simply say how is your day been. Such a joy to be around. The world has lost a good one but the father has added a blessed angel.

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**Patricia Dellinger** - February 03 at 07:57 AM

LM

“ My sincere condolences to Will's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. The many times that I was in the hospital, as he was friends with my daughter, he would keep an eye on me and see if I needed any thing. I will miss his compassion and winning smile. May you find peace and comfort from your memories of him. RIP Will, my dear friend.

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**Linda McClanahan** - February 03 at 12:25 AM

VT

“ Valley Health Senior Leadership Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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Valley Health Senior Leadership Team - February 02 at 03:21 PM

TL

“ Tracy Legare planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

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Tracy Legare - February 02 at 02:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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February 02 at 02:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



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February 02 at 10:53 AM

JA

“ Jeania Aylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

Jeania Aylor - February 01 at 05:27 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



February 01 at 05:27 PM

JP

“ Josh, Valerie, and Lincoln Patton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

Josh, Valerie, and Lincoln Patton - February 01 at 03:47 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



February 01 at 03:47 PM

EG

“ Your valley health security family from WMC. Is thinking of you, your family , your friends and your coworkers. Every interaction I had with will at training. He was a stand up guy who also could always crack a joke.

Erica Gaudette - February 01 at 11:30 AM

FP

“ From Morgan Peters purchased the Blue Tiger Lily and Orange Alstroemeria (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



From Morgan Peters - January 31 at 07:07 PM

RT

“ Rachel Tracy purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



Rachel Tracy - January 31 at 06:57 PM

SF

“ Will was as sweet as he could be. When my dad was in the hospital he always checked to see if we needed anything! I always looked forward to seeing him! He always had an smile on his face that lit up the whole room! He will surely b missed!! Prayers for Patty! We love you Patty!!



Sonya Fadeley - January 31 at 06:13 PM

VM

“ Victoria Mischler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.

Victoria Mischler - January 31 at 06:11 PM

VM

“ Victoria Mischler purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William "Will" Cody Kniceley.



Victoria Mischler - January 31 at 06:11 PM

JM

“ Will you are one of the angels that has got his wings! My heart is full of sorrow that you will not be coming here again. This is a time for courage! Love you Jennifer Manion

Jennifer M Manion - January 31 at 05:52 PM

GF

Patty: We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Know that you were always loved by the Giampapa family.

Giampapa Family - February 03 at 02:05 PM

RT

Will, our hearts @ SMH are broken. You were the kindest, most caring, and sincere individual to work with. If we called, you came. You will forever be missed. Much love to your Momma and family at this most difficult time.

Robin Tusing - February 04 at 10:09 AM