



## Kathy Leona Willis

April 12, 1945 - May 24, 2026

Kathy Leona Willis, 81, of Alpine, Texas, passed away on May 24, 2026, at Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine.

Kathy was born on April 12, 1945, in San Antonio, Texas, to Cecil and Gladys Marie Willis.

Known lovingly as "Ya Ya" to everyone she knew, Kathy had a warm spirit and a love of making others smile. She enjoyed gardening and found great joy in watching things grow. She loved sharing stories of her travels and the years she spent living in different countries. Las Vegas and the Texas coast held special places in her heart. Above all, her greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren.

Kathy is survived by her two sons, Kevin Michael Ficke (Maddison) and James Reeves (Katie); four grandchildren, Jaxson Ficke, Jace Ficke, Hattie Reeves, and John Casey Reeves; Jennifer Ficke (Jaxson and Jace); her beloved Uncle, John Willis (Janie); and her cherished dog, Chico.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Gladys Marie (Catlett) Willis, and her best friend of 50 years, Nancy Jordan.

Kathy will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew and loved her.