

Elizabeth Bailey Willis

(- 11 May 1863)

Willis. On the 11th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Rainbow Willis in the 80th year of her age. The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at half past 2 o'clock from the residence of her daughter Mrs. Jane Bright G street south between 11th and 12th streets east.

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Obituary--died in this city, on the 11th inst., after a protracted illness, which she endeavored, patiently to bear, Elizabeth Willis, aged 80 years. She was a native of Petersburg, Va., but for the last fifty years a resident of Washington City, D.C. Her hand was ever ready to relieve the distressed, and when disease prevailed she was among the first to proffer assistance, and the orphan particularly received her blessing. Many learned to love her as a mother and willingly sought her counsel. In her last moments she was faithfully attended and breathed her last surrounded by both children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Oh! How her aged form will be missed in the family circle, for the little ones will think of grandma and sigh because they can see her face no more. Peace to her ashes! She was a good woman and her name will live in the hearts of many.

A Friend.