



# Willis Adrian Dodd

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**D**ONNA, TX - Willis Adrian Dodd Jr., 80, died Wednesday, January 14, 2015 in Weslaco, TX.

Arrangements are pending under the direction McCaleb Funeral Home of Weslaco.



## Tribute Wall

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