



Mrs. Lucy M. Willis

November 26, 1921 - June 30, 2020

MRS. LUCY MAE MCCLENDON-WILLIS WAS BORN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1921 TO THE LATE HENRY AND NORSIS MCCLENDON IN EXPOSE, MS. SHE WAS THE 4TH OF FIVE CHILDREN BORN TO THIS UNION. WITH HER PARENTS AND 4 SIBLINGS PRECEDING HER IN DEATH AS SHE WAS THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY SINCE MAY 2016. AS WELL AS THE LAST OF THE 1ST GENERATION WILLIS FAMILY, SHE RECEIVED HER EDUCATION WITHIN THE MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWEVER WAS SELF-TAUGHT ON MANY THINGS AND VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE. A TRUE BELIEVER IN CHRIST SHE ACCEPTED THAT PRESENCE IN HER LIFE AT AN EARLY AGE AND CONTINUED TO MANIFEST IN THAT BELIEF UNTIL HER CALLING TO BE AN ANGEL IN HEAVEN ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020.

ON OCTOBER 12, 1935 SHE MARRIED THE LOVE HER LIFE, THE LATE ANDREW J. WILLIS, SR WHOM SHE WAS DEVOTED TO FOR 58 YEARS UNTIL HIS DEATH ON NOVEMBER 16, 1993. TO THIS UNION 10 CHILDREN WERE BLESSED TO BE, THOUGH TWO HAVE PRECEDED HER IN DEATH. FROM 9 OF THE 10 CHILDREN SHE LIVED TO 6 GENERATIONS WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF A 2ND TO BE ADDED TO THAT 6TH GENERATION, SHE BLESSED THEIR LIVES WITH HER WARM EMBRACE AND TO HEAR HER, "HEY CHILE" AS SHE WOULD GREET YOU WHEN YOU WALKED THROUGH HER DOOR. THOSE CHILDREN

WERE RAISED WITH UNDEFINABLE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AS SHE PASSED THE SAME LOVE ON TO HER GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALWAYS WITH AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM THE LORD AND THE TELLING OF TRUTH AS SHE SAW IT AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT WITH A "HMPH, WELL CHILE," AND A CROSSING OF HER HANDS IN HER LAP.

MRS. WILLIS RESIDED IN PEARL, MS AREA ALL HER ADULT LIFE AND WAS WELL KNOWN TO VERY CARING TOWARDS OTHERS AND LOVED WITHIN

THE PEARSON COMMUNITY. AS SOME CALLED HER "MRS. LUCY" OR SIMPLY "MOTHER" SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL AS HIYE OF HER CHILDREN LIVED IN VARIOUS STATES DURING HER LIFE. SHE ALSO ENJOYED A GOOD JSU FOOTBALL GAME WHEN SHE WAS ABLE TO ATTEND.

A DEVOTED MEMBER OF MT. ELAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR OVER 50 YEARS SHE CONTINUED TO SERVE WITH BELIEF IN ALL THINGS GOOD AND EVEN TITHING UNTIL THE SUNDAY BEFORE HER DEATH. HER FAVORITE SCRIPTURE WAS ISAIAH 41:13 - "FOR THE LORD THY GOD WILL HOLD THY RIGHT HAND, SAYING UNTO THEE, FEAR NOT, I WILL KEEP THEE."

MRS. WILLIS BELIEVED IN HELPING OTHER AS MUCH AS SHE COULD, AS THAT WAS SHOWN WITH HER WORK WITH 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL.

AS THE WORDS OF HER LIFE WERE BEING WRITTEN SHE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS HENRY AND NORSIS MCCLENDON, HER SIBLINGS - MAGGIE, PICE, LONNIE, AND LOU NELL. HER LATE HUSBAND ANDREW J. WILLIS, SR TWO OF HER PRECIOUS CHILDREN, JOSEPH WILLIS AND NETTIE MERLE WILLIS. THREE SONS-IN-LAW: JESSE T. RUSSELL, ORA PETTAWAY AND WALLACE DAVIS. FOUR GRANDCHILDREN: VANESSA WILLIS, JEROME DAVIS, CAROLYN

D. WASHINGTON AND ADRIAN PETTAWAY. A GREAT-GRANDCHILD: CHAUNCEY BOGAN AND A GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILD: CARTER LINDSEY. HER LIFE IS LEFT TO BE CHERISHED AND LOVED WITH HER CHILDREN WHOM WERE WITH HER DURING HER PASSING: ETHEL M. RUSSELL, BIRDIA L. DAVIS, BETTYE J. PETTAWAY, ANDREW J. WILLIS, JR, JOHNNY L. WILLIS(RENEE), SYLVIA A. WILLIS-HUNT, LINDA F. CROSS(WILLIAM) AND GREGORY J. WILLIS (ALEEN). HER SPECIAL CHILDREN: JEROME RAWLS, JOHN (JAKE) EVANS, CATHERINE WILLIS, PHYLLIS WILLIS, REV. PERRY MAGEE, REV. HERRIE JENKINS, JR; REV. RICKY JENKINS, THELMA BROWN AND BILLY T. TERRELL. HER LIFE LONG BEST FRIEND MRS. BARBARA NASH, MRS. CHARLENE LONNIE, AND MRS. OLA HAYGOOD. HER 36 GRANDCHILDREN, 65 GREAT-GRAND CHILDREN, 41 GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND 2 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN HER HONOR AND CHERISH HER MEMORY. SHE ALSO LEAVES TO BY CHERISHED BY 4 SPECIAL NIECES: ESTHER GARRETT(ROWLAND), MATTIE GRAY, KARITA WANSLEY AND LOUISE WILLIS, ALONG WITH 2 BELOVED NEPHEWS: DONARAY BULLOCK AND JIMMIE WILLIS, AS WELL AS 2ND, 3RD, AND 4 GENERATION NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bonni Mangum Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Bonni Mangum Blackmon - July 31, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *Mary Trigg- Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Mary Trigg- Griffin - July 26, 2020 at 10:02 PM

EJ

“ *Edith Hope Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Edith Hope Jones - July 18, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - July 14, 2020 at 09:26 AM

SM

“ *Sandra McFadden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Sandra McFadden - July 11, 2020 at 09:58 PM

HF

“ *Sending our condolences during this difficult time to Rev Willis, Bertha, Jackie(who will always be part of our family) and the entire Willis Family.*



God was so good to give you so many years with her.

*George & Mary Hayes
Mike, Kesha & Kayla Hayes
John & Jean Cousin
Shirley Cousin*

Hayes & Cousin Family - July 11, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JT

“ *John & Willie Jean Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



John & Willie Jean Taylor - July 11, 2020 at 01:23 PM

Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ, he is a
new creation; the
old has gone, the
new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

“ *Diann Grant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Diann Grant - July 11, 2020 at 10:39 AM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Delphine Jenkins-Davs - July 10, 2020 at 01:23 PM

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Sincere prayers and condolences are sent to the family of Sister Lucy Willis. She was the sweetest lady. She always had a welcoming smile on her face, a kind word and good advice. Sister Willis was always beautifully dressed and conducted herself as a kind Christian lady. We miss her sorely.

Diann Grant - July 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DW

“ *Debra Brown Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Debra Brown Willis - July 10, 2020 at 01:11 PM

JB

“ Jean R Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis



Jean R Brown - July 10, 2020 at 12:09 PM

MH

“ Mr. And Mrs. Marshall L. Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis



Mr. and Mrs. Marshall L. Harris - July 10, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DH

“ May you find comfort in your memories of your loved one. You have my deepest sympathy and condolences.
Vera J. Harper

Dr. Vera J. Harper - July 10, 2020 at 12:41 AM

BM

“ Barbara Magee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis



Barbara Magee - July 09, 2020 at 05:27 PM

BB

“ *Always in or hearts. Rest well, Grandma*



Bruce and Jackye Bender - July 08, 2020 at 10:41 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Jackye Bender lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Bruce and Jackye Bender - July 08, 2020 at 10:25 PM

VR

“ *Vickie Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



vickie riley - July 08, 2020 at 12:58 PM

GL

“ *Grace Logan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Grace Logan - July 05, 2020 at 01:58 PM

CB

“ *Chameka Bogan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Chameka Bogan - July 04, 2020 at 11:40 PM

BL

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

Lipsey Family

Brenda Lipsey - July 04, 2020 at 06:24 PM

GC

May God bless and keep you as you hold her beautiful memories in your heart. Noble Carson Sr. and family.

Gazelle Carson - July 10, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *RIP, Grandma. I hope you're happy to be back with Granddaddy again.*



Latasha Willis - July 04, 2020 at 02:42 PM

RW

“ *Richard Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Richard Washington - July 04, 2020 at 11:47 AM

GS

“ *When Those we Love Become a Memory,
Our Memory becomes Treasure
“Mother” will Always be a TREASURE!*



Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton - July 04, 2020 at 11:29 AM

NL

“ *Nancy Loney-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Nancy Loney-Taylor - July 03, 2020 at 08:30 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Magee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Barbara Magee - July 03, 2020 at 03:45 PM

E/

“ *Ellis And Delois Hays /family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Ellis and Delois Hays /family - July 02, 2020 at 07:31 PM

CA

“ *Carolyn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Carolyn Anderson - July 02, 2020 at 07:30 PM

AP

“ *Aj. Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Aj. Palmer - July 02, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucy M. Willis*



Evelyn Young - July 02, 2020 at 12:26 PM