



Hester "Willodean" Norris

February 9, 1932 - July 27, 2021

H. Willodean Norris, age 89, of Grove, OK passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at her home.

She was born on February 9, 1932, to Carl and Delpha (Young) Horton in Marshall, AR, where she grew up and attended high school.

On April 29, 1949, Willodean married the love of her life, James Norris, Jr. and the couple made their home in Wichita, KS. There she worked as a dispatcher for Leer Jet Company for 20 years, until retiring in 1988. After retiring the couple moved to Grove. Willodean loved and enjoyed her home that she and Jim built and adored all of her family and looked forward to the family visits.

Willodean enjoyed sewing and spending time with her family. She was Pentecostal in faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Left to cherish her memory: husband, James Norris; son, James Norris, III and wife, Margo of Grove; daughter, Deborah Welliver and husband, Warren, of Wichita, KS; sister, Carlene Langford of Corpus Christi, TX, 4 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2pm, Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Donations in Willodean's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hester "Willodean" Norris*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Momma,*

I wanted to thank you for showing me what's important in life. Love of God, family and loyalty. I owe everything to you. You are such a blessing to me. Remember when we got baptized together. Oh, I treasure that moment. I know you are in heaven. You are with people who love you and you have waited a long time to see. You are healthy, your are in no more pain. You are truly blessed in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. I long for the day we are together. Momma you are not only my mother you were my friend. I will miss you terribly. I love you with all my heart. Thank you God for blessing me with such a precious soul. Amen



deborah welliver - August 03, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *I treasure the time Mother and I spent visiting with all of you. She often spoke of how wonderful it was to see you and Willie, Jimmy, and she cherished that time with both of you. Willie was a beautiful, loving woman and she blessed so many in our family! Our prayers are with all of your family during this difficult time.*

*Much love,
Dede Causey Sparks*

Dede Sparks - July 29, 2021 at 06:22 PM

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“ Grandma, I am forever grateful that I had the opportunity to know you and listen to all of your wonderful stories over the past 6 years. You were a loving, caring and gentle soul. You are loved and will be greatly missed! Thank you for letting me be apart of your life and your family!

This is not good bye. This is a see you later.

♥ Candace

Candace Norris - July 29, 2021 at 04:48 PM

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“ Sending our condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.

Sharon and Byron Welliver, Tennessee



Sharon Holt-Welliver - July 29, 2021 at 06:03 AM

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“ I was so blessed that God choose this precious soul to be my mother. She taught me to respect, honor and treasure each day if it was your last. She was not only my momma she was my friend. Heaven gained an Angel and I look forward to uniting with her. My heart aches but my heart is full because of her. Love you momma, Deborah and the Boys



deborah welliver - July 29, 2021 at 01:35 AM

DE

“ I remember Aunt Willie as a beautiful and kind lady. I always looked forward to her and Uncle Jim’s visits to Arkansas when I was a kid. It was a great time to play with my cousins that I didn’t get to see often. She and Uncle Jim always seemed so happy. She was a joy to be around. I hadn’t seen her in years and she remained beautiful. My heart goes out to my Uncle and cousins. What a blessing to have had this lovely lady in their lives.

Dianne Elliott - July 28, 2021 at 09:02 PM