



Dean Willeford

July 9, 1922 - October 28, 2015

Desima Dean Muir Willeford, 93, died October 28, 2015.

Mrs. Willeford was born July 9, 1922 in Leeds, Alabama. After graduating from Rush's Memorial Hospital Nursing School in Meridian, Mississippi in 1945 as a Registered Nurse she moved to Memphis, Tennessee. She worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Shelby County Health Dept., and as a Private Duty Nurse. She nursed many polio patients and remembered the time when penicillin was recommended for a patient and they had to send a courier to the airport to pick it up. She saw many changes in the nursing field during her life. While in Memphis, her best friend, also a nurse, set her up on a date with her husband's best friend. They were married in 1954 in Memphis and were transferred to Atlanta later that year because of her husband's job with Delta Air Lines. They lived in East Point, Ga. for 30 years where she was a very active member of East Point Presbyterian Church. She volunteered in the church library and was a member of the Presbyterian Women's Circles. She also volunteered with the Golden Age Club in East Point, driving ladies to and from their meetings. She was very active in Girl Scouts in several different roles including being a Girl Scout Troop Leader and eventually became the Chairman of the NW Georgia Girl Scout Council. She volunteered at the East Point Girl's Club and with an Adult Literacy Program. She had a very big heart for helping others.

After retirement, they moved to Sharpsburg, Ga. where they lived for 16 years and were members of Newnan Presbyterian Church. Also, during retirement, they enjoyed traveling and spent 19 winters in Good Life Resort in Mesa, Arizona. She was very active in that retirement community where she became the teacher / leader of two crafting groups.

A graveside service will be held Monday, November 2, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Magnolia Cemetery in Meridian, MS. Visitation will be Friday, October 30, 2015 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Willeford of Newnan, Ga.; a brother, Dr. M. Eric (Nan) Muir of Boyle, MS; a sister-in-law, Marge Muir of Winona, Ms.; nephews, Andy (Anita) Muir of Carrollton, MS; Mark Muir of Winona, MS; Dr. W. Eric (Betty) Muir of Jackson, TN, and Dr. Ed Muir of Memphis, TN; a niece, Carol Bailey of Winona, MS; and several cousins, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Ernest R. "Willie" Willeford, her parents, Chris and Pearl (Hopper) Muir; her brother, Chris C. Muir; her niece, Sally Muir; and two infant granddaughters.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

2638 23rd Ave.
Meridian, MS 39305

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

NOV **2**. 2:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall

 Ann
Willeford

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Ann Willeford - May 14, 2016 at 11:29 AM

MA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May these words found in the Bible at Revelation 21:4 bring you hope and comfort at this difficult time. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

Mary - November 29, 2015 at 10:38 PM

VS

“ *I want to offer my condolences to the Willeford family. It is a painful thing to loose a love one in death, regardless of how long they have lived, and it pains our Creator, too. He has promised to bring back to life our love one at Isaiah 26:19 "Your dead will live. My corpse will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully you residents in the dust!...the earth will let those powerless in death come to life" I hope these words give you comfort.*

VScott - November 16, 2015 at 11:26 AM

GJ

“ I have been honored 2 volunteer for this sweet, kind & loving lady for close to two years. Ms Dean & I have had many memorable moments together. Our bond even goes as treasured as sharing the same birthday! Rest in peace dear friend & one more kiss we blow to each other!!! Much love, Gwen Jurisch

Gwen Jurisch - October 30, 2015 at 09:50 PM

CO

“ Ann, After reading this remembrance of your mom, I now understand more completely just what a special soul she was! God Bless and keep you during this very difficult time. Love Cyndi

Cyndi Oglesby - October 30, 2015 at 10:34 AM

DW

“ Ann, Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you as you embark on a final journey to lay your mother to rest with your father and grandparents. You have been a wonderful care giver for many years. Safe travels and God speed, Jim and Dinah Harrison Watson

Dinah Harrison Watson - October 29, 2015 at 11:11 PM