



Mary Will Johnston

June 21, 1932 - March 28, 2017

Mary Will Johnston, age 84 of Athens, AL passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at her residence. Mrs. Johnston was born on June 21, 1932 in Salem, AL to Henry and Christine Harrison Beasley.

Mrs. Johnston was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Puryear Johnston; parents, Henry and Christine Beasley; sister, Henrietta Word and brother, Jimmy Beasley.

She is survived by her sons, Mel Johnston (Penny) and Ben Johnston (Vicki); daughters, Deborah Johnston and Amy Gervais (Sunrise); grandchildren, Susan Johnston Sherrill (Jonathan), Sullivan Johnston, and Sydney Sullivan; great-grandchild, Sawyer Sherrill; sister, Martha McCracken; sister-in-law, Martha Johnston; special friend, Gwen Christopher and numerous other family and friends.

Services for Mrs. Johnston will be Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 1:00PM at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home with Casey Harbin and David Cox officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00PM on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the funeral home. Burial will take place in New Salem Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ben Johnston, Mel Johnston, Sunrise Gervais, Jonathan Sherrill, Sawyer Sherrill and Allen Harrison. Honorary pallbearers will be the Athens Lions Club, Jim McCracken, Barry Word, Will Beasley, Ed McCracken,

Roger Thornton, Mickey Oliver, Andy Vanschoiack, Steve McCurry, Chuck Feagan, and Joe Gassen.

Mrs. Johnston was a member of Market Street Church of Christ. Mrs. Johnston was a loving and selfless wife, mother, and friend to many. Miss Mary Will welcomed any and all to her home, and into her life. She worked, for years, with the Athens City School system; spending her last working years in the Athens High School library. An avid gardener, she loved being outside working in the soil. Her grandchildren and great-grandchild were her sunshine.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peace, Love, & Animals, Hospice of Limestone County or a favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary Will passing away. She was such a sweet lady to all and especially my aunt Lura Partrick and my dad Loice Jacobs. She will surely be missed! Shirley Jacobs Long

Shirely Jacobs Long - March 29, 2017 at 01:00 PM

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“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Tribute Store - March 29, 2017 at 09:52 AM

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“ Mel, Ben, Deborah, and Amy, my prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time and in the days to come. May God give you all the peace that only He can give to you all. I have many fond memories of your precious mother and Market Street Church of Christ. I never saw your mother when she didn't have a smile on her face. You were truly blessed with such a wonderful mom.
Patsy Holt Naves

Patsy Naves - March 28, 2017 at 05:08 PM