



Wanda Groom Pryor

November 17, 1927 - August 8, 2019

Wanda Groom Pryor, 91, of Morrilton, passed away August 8, 2019.

The former Wanda Groom married William H. "Hat" Pryor on January 6, 1952. She was preceded in death by her parents, C.B. (Bryan) and Lucy Groom; husband, William H. "Hat" Pryor; two brothers, and two grandchildren.

Serving as the Public Health Nurse and Administrator of the Conway County Health Unit for 28 years, she was known to three generations of vaccinated school children as the "Shot Lady". Her public health service extended throughout the county to anyone in need of public health care. She was always ready to assist those who otherwise would not have access to appropriate healthcare.

After retirement, "Miss Wanda" was a regular fixture at the Conway County Care Center and Conway County Free Medical Clinic where she continued her life of service to Conway County.

Fiercely independent, her daily breakfast and afternoon coffee groups were especially important to her. The loving care and regular contact with those groups allowed her to remain in Morrilton until failing health required her 2018 relocation to College Square Independent Living Center in Conway. While there, she made new friends and continued to maintain and renew her lifelong Conway County connections.

She was the "Shot Lady" and "Miss Wanda" to the community, but to her family, she was "Nana".

She is survived by her children; Bill (Sandy) Pryor of Conway, Mike (Linnette) Pryor of Heber Springs, and Ann (Gary) Clements of North Little Rock; grandchildren, Amanda (Jared) Allen, Ginny Pryor, Jeremy (Sarah) Clements and Austin Clements; four beloved great grandchildren, Lucy, Adam, Carroll Ann, and Andrea; and a special niece Linda Duden Long of Arizona.

A Funeral Service honoring the life of Wanda G. Pryor will be held, 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 12, at Harris Chapel with a visitation following the service.

To honor her legacy of service, memorials may be made to the Conway County Care Center, Morrilton Public Library or Morrilton First Baptist Church. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery

1830 Highway 113
Morrilton, AR, 72110

Events

AUG **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St, Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

Comments



“ I am so sorry that I was not able to attend the funeral for your dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I knew her through the UAMS Foster Care program that used to use the space at the Conway County Christian Clinic. We would chat before clinic started, and it soon became obvious to us that Miss Wanda really knew and loved her community. I always made sure that the medical students who accompanied me go to meet her. She was a true joy to be around, and I know you miss her terribly.

Janet Udouj, M.D.
Little Rock

Janet M Udouj - August 16, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ Thank you so much. She loved her community and they loved her back. We so appreciate your kind words.

Ann - August 26, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ I really looked up to Mrs. Pryor, and Mr. Hat too. They were friends with my mom and dad, and among the families from church I remember most from childhood. Bill, Mike and Ann, our thoughts are with you.

Eddie Fugatt - August 15, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ Bill:
I'm sorry to hear about your Mom. I have had the honor to visit with Miss Wanda in the past few years and she was a true shining light for our community. Just know that you and your family are in our prayers during this time.

Rachel Rayl



Rachel Rayl - August 12, 2019 at 04:15 PM



“ Mike,

I was saddened to hear about your mother. I was able to reconnect with her at the senior center before her move to Conway. When I visited my dad, I would accompany him to the center for lunch. They usually sat at the same table. Made me feel like a high schooler again. We definitely go a long way back! Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Sheila Hillis Nixon

Charleston, South Carolina

Sheila Nixon - August 11, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ Duddy and Kathy Swann purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wanda Groom Pryor.



Duddy and Kathy Swann - August 11, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ I've known Ms Wanda for many years and had the pleasure of volunteering with her at the Conway County Christian Clinic. She was one of a kind. My sympathy to all her family and friends. She will truly be missed.

Donna Riggs - August 11, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ I was scared of her as a kid, but grew to love her as I got older. It was a running joke with her that I would grab my arm and tell her to stay away from me. But that was always followed by a big laugh and an even bigger hug. God blessed us with this lady with a heart as big as they come. Rest in peace Wanda.

Terry Beeson - August 11, 2019 at 12:27 AM



“ Wanda was a very special person and I also enjoyed Visiting with her when I had the opportunity. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill, Mike and Ann.

Doyce Hill - August 10, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Wanda and Hat were dear friends to my parents, Morris and Libby Smith and Wanda and my mom stayed in touch for many, many years. Ann was my first, best childhood friend and I spent lots of time in their home. A wonderful family. Love to you Ann.
Sharon Smith Barton

Sharon Barton - August 10, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ Sharon - thank you so much. We loved you and your family. We were so lucky to have our Morrilton village! Would love to reconnect with you.

Ann - August 12, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Linda & Larry and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wanda Groom Pryor.



Linda & Larry and family - August 10, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Such a lovely lady. Our sympathy and prayers to all of the family.

Charles and Theresa Hamling

Charles Hamling - August 10, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Bill,, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Give me a call at 5015153247.

Rhonda Newsom - August 10, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ I remember all three of you kids, as if people in their 40s could be called kids, from my days of teaching math in Morrilton, as well as our time at FBC Morrilton. I am sorry to hear about your mother, but I understand the effect she had on her community. My wife, Elisia, became "the shot lady" in Wynne and Cross County when she worked for the health department here for 28 years after we left Morrilton in 1978.

I am pleased to know that she was active for so many years. Having a mother like that is truly a gift from God. Cherish the memories and be thankful for her life.

Marion and Elisia White

Marion White - August 10, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ Such a sweet lady, but she was all business on her job.
May God be with Family and Friends.

Frances Mahan - August 09, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wanda Groom Pryor.



August 09, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Wanda was a regular at our restaurant (at that time) Mom and Pop’s waffles. We loved her dearly. She was a sassy little lady and everyone loved her, she loved to come visit and if she didn’t show up we had to find out why. She would sometimes stay for breakfast and lunch. We didn’t care because everyone would stop and talk with her. There was a few times we went and picked her up so she wouldn’t have to drive by she was very independent and never wanted us to do that. But most of the time she would give in. Good by my old friend see you in Heaven someday. Love you.

Carleta Granbher - August 09, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ What a sweet and caring lady Wanda was...I'm so glad I met her in recent years. My prayers for Wanda's family. Linda Kennedy

Mary Linda Kennedy - August 09, 2019 at 05:54 PM