



## Willa Dean Denton

December 11, 1926 - November 23, 2018

Willa Dean Peck Denton, 91, of Hattieville, died November 23, 2018. Dean, as she was called, was born in Hattieville, December 11, 1926, a daughter of Harvey Lair Peck and Mary Etta Masingill Peck. She graduated from Wonderview High School and received Bachelor's and Master of Education degrees from Arkansas State Teachers' College. Dean taught in elementary schools in Conway County for more than 40 years before retiring.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Leo Denton; her sister, Treva Lair Meador and brother-in-law, Monte D. Meador and a niece, Monica Lair Meador. Survivors include her nieces, Vivica Meador of Albuquerque, NM and Michele Meador-Hood (Susan) and great-niece, Olivia Meador-Hood of Reno, NV and many cousins and friends.

Dean was one-of-a-kind and unique, well known for her love of get-togethers with extended family, including her "Kansas and Missouri cousins" where there was lots of talking, laughter and food. She loved line-dancing to country-western music, crafting and collecting antiques. She was a member of Old Hickory Baptist Church.

Funeral service will be held at Harris Funeral Home chapel in Morrilton, Tuesday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. with Bro. Johnny Hoffman officiating. Burial will be at Old Hickory Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral at the chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory, to Old Hickory Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

# Events

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**NOV 27**   **Visitation**   09:00AM - 10:00AM

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

**NOV 27**   **Funeral Service**   10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Billy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Willa Dean Denton



**Billy Mitchell** - November 27, 2018 at 09:41 PM

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“ Mrs. Denton was a wonderful teacher to me during a difficult time in my life. I was in her 2nd grade class at Nemo Vista when my father was killed in an accident. She showed me great love during that time. She helped me make it through those tough days by showing me Christian kindness and encouragement. She helped my classmates understand what I was experiencing and taught them how to be a friend. I moved to another school soon after but when I saw her in a store or somewhere in the community she still remembered me and spoke to me. She would compliment me on my successes and we parted with a hug each time. She had a huge impact on my life and I loved her. -Johanna Moll Hall

**Johanna Hall** - November 25, 2018 at 11:20 PM

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“ Mrs. Denton taught school at Perryville elementary. At that time the 7th grade was still at elementary. Mrs. Little and Mrs. Denton were the teachers for that grade. We all loved both of them very much. She was a great person. Alice(Moore) Spires.

**Alice Spires** - November 25, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ My favorite memory is when Willa Dean was my 2nd grade teacher at Wonderview School. Many days she would race me to the lunchroom and we would jump over the little rock wall and see who could get there first. She was a lot of fun.

**Becky West** - November 25, 2018 at 01:55 PM