



## Barbara Jean Coning

February 3, 1946 - November 3, 2024

Today, Sunday, November 3, 2024, this world lost an incredible woman. Barbara “BJ” Jean Williford Coning was 78 when she left this world to join her husband of 54 years, Charles Leon Coning, to be present with the Lord. In her long life as a military wife and mother, worked hard to raise her family, and served as a 4-H leader in New Jersey for 2 years and in Arkansas for 11 years. She traveled the country with her husband as a team truck driver for many years and retired on their 40 acres in north Conway County. She was stubborn at times and always cantankerous.

Known to most people as Granny, this generous woman was willing to share what she had with others. She was also a great lover of horses and Scottish Terriers. She was known to rescue many dogs and cats, even a raccoon named Snoopy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Clinton Williford and Sylvia Bond Scott Williford, both of Russellville, Kentucky; brother, James Walter Williford; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. This treasured mother leaves behind her daughter, Jennifer Jean Coning Yancey and spouse, Earnest Lee Yancey; and granddaughter, Stephanie Michelle Yancey, all of Springfield, Arkansas; son, Duane (Rusty) Russell Coning and spouse, Kathleen (Kat) Payne Coning of Alexander, Arkansas and three grandsons, Duane Mitchell Coning and spouse, Abby Kellar Coning; Christopher Russell Coning and spouse, Taylor Mathys Coning; and Alexander Russell Coning and spouse, Kelsy Felton Coning. Her legacy continues with 7 great-grandchildren: Mikayla Marie Coning, age 13; Landon

Russell Coning, age 7; Alexis (Lulu) Lynea Coning, age 7; Chester Don Coning, age 3, Ryan Nicholis Coning, age 3; Nathan Alexander Russell Coning, age 3; and Raylan Mitchell Coning, age 32 days.

A memorial service will be at a later date.