



Deane Norwood Richardson

November 13, 1915 - May 7, 2008

Glenna Emmadeane (Deane) Norwood Richardson, 92, of Little Rock, widow of the late Millard A. Richardson, formerly of Morrilton, died on May 7, 2008, in Little Rock. She was born November 13, 1915, to Dovie Hill Norwood and Jim Boone Norwood.

Part of a large vibrant family whose mother died at an early age, Mrs. Richardson's formative years were spent in the Hill Creek Community (Conway County), and were shaped by the responsibilities of a farming household and church and school activities. Extended family, friends and the shared musical talent of her siblings and father were her sustenance. In her teens, she sang with the popular "Norwood Sisters Quartet." Her voice was a gift and from her youth, she sang in her church choir. Until her death, she readily joined others in singing gospel songs, finding solace in the old words and melodies. Her family and friends will miss her strong alto voice.

Mrs. Richardson graduated from Morrilton High School in 1936. She completed a two year program in business from Arkansas State Teachers College (now UCA). At the time, the state was in the grip of the Great Depression and family lore is that the college accepted a cow as their mother's tuition fees. Mrs. Richardson worked with her husband in the Conway County Circuit Clerk's office and in the family business, MCC Abstract Company. She served as president of the Business & Professional Women's Club and held numerous offices in the Morrilton Literary Coterie. She made positive contributions to the civil fabric of Conway County through

her career, her family and her church. In retirement, she enjoyed travel, especially trips to Europe.

At her death, Mrs. Richardson was the longest continuous member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church (Morrilton), having joined in July, 1945. She believed in the Christian faith as a great power for good and was a supporter of Gideon's Society, Int'l and other Christian missionary charities. She served her church as teacher, choir member and was an active member of its Women's Auxillary.

Her family is grateful for Mrs. Richardson's examples of courage and fortitude. The family thanks her Bethel church family and hometown friends for their constancy. The family appreciates the encouragement of residents, staff and volunteers at Parkview Health Center, Little Rock.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her daughters Mary Ann Williams McKuin and Carole Lynn Williams Sherman; her sons-in-law Bob G. McKuin and William F. Sherman; her grandchildren, Andrew McKuin, Joel McKuin, John Sherman, Anna Sherman and Lucy Kempf; and her great grandchildren, Alex and Laura Billington. She is also survived by the descendents of her late sisters, Marvelle Hensley, Grace Scroggin, Ruby Jones, Ruth Heiderman and Mary Jim DeSalvo and those of her late brother John Norwood.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, Bethel Baptist Church, Morrilton, officiated by Rev. James Mullins. Family will receive visitors from 5 - 7 p.m. Friday, May 9 at Harris Funeral Home Morrilton.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's Society, International, P.O. Box 21, Morrilton, Arkansas 71923; Bethel Baptist Church, 901 E. Drilling Street, Morrilton, Arkansas 72113; or Volunteer Council, Arkadelphia HDC, P.O. Box 70, Arkadelphia, AR, 71923.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deane Norwood Richardson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Dearest Mary Ann, Bob & Family, and Carole Lynn, Bill & Family,*

How we will miss our lovely Aunt Deane, but we know she is singing and praising in God's chorus. May the Lord comfort and be present with you during this time of your deep loss. I am thankful that we had so many happy and pleasant memories of Aunt Deane, and she leaves behind a wonderful and blessed legacy to her family, and to all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her. She truly graced all of our lives. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

God bless and keep you - with much love,

Shirley and Mike Maduro and family

June 30, 2018 at 12:31 AM



“ Dear Carole and Mary Ann, I am so sorry to hear that you lost your dear sweet Mother. I try to keep up with Morrilton, but sometimes I fall behind or I would have written you sooner. I have so many wonderful memories of your Mother and the endless hours I spent at your house, she was like a second Mother to me and I loved her very much. I guess the last time I got to see her was at the last class reunion I was able to attend and so enjoyed spending time with her then. I think back so much on our youth and all the good times I spent with all your family. Knowing all of you made me a better person and I think about you so often. Give my best to all your family . Carole we had such good times together growing up and I wish I could see you.

Love to all,
Lydia

July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary Ann & Carole Lynn, I'm sure you don't remember me, it's been about 50 years or so since we have seen each other. My Father(John Earl Carter) and my Mother (Mable Carter) were at my Aunt Eure's house next to Millard and Deane's. We came over for hamburgers in your backyard. I was about ten years old . Sorry to hear about your Mother! Read it in the paper Saturday to late to come to the service. I don't remember a lot about your Mother, just that she was a very sweet person and always nice to everyone !
Sincerely Jeff B. and Emily Carter.

May 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carole & Mary Ann,*

We will certainly miss your Mom in our weekly Sunday Morning Services at Parkview. She had a warm and sweet presence and I especially enjoyed her singing voice and her sweet smiles. We will keep you in our prayers, and know that we love you.

*Jackie, Edwina, Willie & Queen (Daughters of Hattie Williams
(Parkview Health Care Center)*

May 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ann and Carol and families: So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. I know she will leave a special place in your hearts as well as in the hearts of all of us who have known her and loved her for the wonderful person she was. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow. A dear friend, Carolyn*

May 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM