



Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling

August 4, 1944 - January 19, 2026

Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling, age 81, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away on Monday, January 19, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dixie was born on August 4, 1944, in Morrilton, Arkansas, to the late Dalton C. Malone and Alidene Bennett Malone. She was raised in Plumerville and was a graduate of Plumerville High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 59 years, Denis; her brother, William "Bill" J. Malone; her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Christine "Honey" and David Thessing; and her sister-in-law, Joan Drilling. Dixie is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Ellen Malone and her sister-in-law, Sandra Malone.

Her greatest accomplishments were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Left to cherish her memory are her children: Mark (Kim) Drilling of Conway; Amy (Todd) Hoyt of Morrilton; David (Heather) Drilling of Morrilton; and Jon (Stacy) Drilling of Morrilton; along with her beloved fur buddy, Gigi. Known lovingly as "Mamma Dixie" or "Mamma D," she leaves behind her grandchildren: Kevin (Lori) Harwell; Lance (Amber) Harwell; Lindsey (John Bryant) McConnell; Taylor Hoyt; Adam (Teal) Hoyt; Ben, Jack, Dayton, Phillip, and Ethan Drilling. Her great-grandchildren include Baylea Johnson; Brandon (Emma) Harwell; Natalie (Chris) Yates; Kelvin Baker; Lex Harwell; Amy Claire, Anna, and John Hoyt McConnell; and Archer Hoyt.

Dixie was first and foremost a devoted homemaker, but she also worked as a decorator, spending many hours perched on a ladder hanging wallpaper. She

found time to dabble in politics as one of the "Snoop Sisters." While her children attended Sacred Heart, she devoted countless hours to school activities— heating up cheese dip for ball games, making coffee for the concession stand, and famously "sweeping the gym. "

As her children grew older, Dixie owned and operated Plummer's Flowers, which she ran daily for 27 years. She was a gracious and generous host who prepared meals for everything from children playing "round ball" in the driveway to catering events with Drilling and Friends. She cooked for fundraisers such as Cajun Night and opened her home to anyone who stopped by. Dixie truly had a servant's heart.

Funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 22, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Charles Thessing, Father Stephen Hart, and Father Jack Harris officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, at the Harris Chapel with visitation following until 8:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be Kevin Harwell, Lance Harwell, Taylor Hoyt, Adam Hoyt, John Bryant McConnell, Ben Drilling, Jack Drilling, Dayton Drilling, Phillip Drilling, and Ethan Drilling. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Church or Sacred Heart School.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Morrilton, AR

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Visitation

JAN 21. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
506 E. Broadway
Morrilton, AR 72110

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Ms Dixie was one of my favorites. She was always so sweet and loving. My prayers are with her family.*

Cindy athews - January 30 at 08:42 PM

NR

“ *Nicholas R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.*

Nicholas R. - January 21 at 06:40 PM

GP

“ *George Pilkington purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.*



George Pilkington - January 21 at 02:12 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.*



January 21 at 10:38 AM

DT

“ I loved Mrs. D. She was always so sweet to me, her and Denis both were. My sincere condolences and prayers.

Donna Tracy - January 20 at 09:08 PM

AM

“ Angela Mckenzie & mother, Janey Mendez purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.



Angela Mckenzie & mother, Janey Mendez - January 20 at 01:47 PM

CG

“ Carol and William Gilbreath planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.

Carol and William Gilbreath - January 20 at 12:08 PM

CG

“ Carol and William Gilbreath purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.



Carol and William Gilbreath - January 20 at 12:08 PM

BD

“ Miss Dixie was a very sweet soul. I enjoyed visiting with her when she had her flower shop. Our love and prayers for her family and all who loved her. Brenda and Tim Duvall

Brenda Duvall - January 20 at 08:28 AM

MS

“ Maury and Cindy Sanchez purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dixie Modean (Malone) Drilling.



Maury and Cindy Sanchez - January 20 at 07:29 AM

JD

“ Dixie will be sorely missed in Morrilton. I have many, many great memories of her. Faye, Dixie and myself went once to Hot Springs and laughed so much our sides hurt. She got me into politics by running for the school board. I lost but have those memories of us getting up early to campaign. My heart is broken but hers is fixed now that she is with her beloved husband Denis. God bless the family. My prayers are with all of you.

Janet Deeter - January 20 at 12:06 AM

LF

“ We didn't see each other often but when we did it was like we had talked the day before, she was a lil thing in stature but her heart was big as her love for her family "perched on a ladder "that made me laugh, rest now lil momma and watch over us here on earth, see you later



Lucretia Flowers - January 19 at 10:18 PM

RE

I am so sorry to hear of Dixies passing . She was a lovely , talented woman who loved her family with all her heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you, Roxanna

Roxanna Epperson - January 20 at 02:17 PM

JD

So much has been wonderfully. said, I am definitely cherishing our memories and will never look at Christmas ribbon candy without thinking of you ☐

Janet Dilbeck - February 04 at 02:57 PM