



Mrs. Mary Ann Willard

June 23, 1941 - January 15, 2021

Mary Ann Willard, age 79, of Perryville, Arkansas, went to her heavenly home peacefully Friday, January 15, 2021. She was born June 23, 1941 in Roland, Arkansas, a daughter of the late Mack Neil DeWeese and Annie McDonald DeWeese. She was the widow of James Willard the love of her life, they were married for 53 years till he passed 2013. Later, Mary Ann met her second love Willie” Buddy” Payne, who brought joy to her life till he passed in 2020. Mary Ann was a homemaker and a member of Harmony Baptist Church. She was strong in her faith and love. She loved singing, playing the organ and piano, she liked playing senior citizen bingo, sewing and crocheting. She was a Sunday school teacher and taught at children’s church. Mary Ann’s most prized passion and love was the time she spent with her family.

She is survived by her seven daughters, Debora Willard Davis, Beth (Ronald) Byrd, Mary Jane (Chris Ramsey) Willard, Martha Gail (Randall Hill) Willard, Rachael Willard, Rebecca (Charles) Tipton, Ruth (Scott) Barrett; son, James (Ramona) Willard J.R.; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; lots of nieces, nephews, and loved ones. Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother Mack (Linda) DeWeese.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 30, at Journey Church of Perryville with Bro. Ronnie Grice officiating. Burial will be at Harmony Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Family request that mask be

wore at all times during service. Pallbearers will be Caster Turney, Strozzi Turney, Charles Tipton, Randy DeWeese, Taylor McGarity, and Clyde Boyette. Honorary pallbearers are Bobby Joe Willard, Johnny Willard, and Dean Conley. Mary Ann loved flowers but, if you would like to support these memorials in honor of her life and love please make memorials to Dooley's Christmas Project dooleyschristmasproject216@gmail.com and Diane Wilson Senior Adult Center sdp@mhcinc.org

Cemetery Details

Harmony Cemetery

3195 Highway 10 E.
Perryville, AR 72126

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Journey Church
1559 AR-9
Perryville, AR 72126

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Ann Willard*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *A blessing to me when I was a young boy through her piano playing; renewed only months ago through her daughter Beth, I so enjoyed Mary Ann. I enjoyed the short trips the three of us took on Saturdays and Sundays and the Sundays she worshipped with Beth and I at my church in Conway. We laughed a lot, discussed the Bible, and enjoyed her piano playing. I miss her and celebrate her. I am thankful for the deep spirituality she inspired in Beth, a spirituality that attracted me to Beth. Thank you Mary Ann for blessing me in in so many ways; especially for Beth now being my wife and a woman of deep faith like you. Love for all time. Ronald Byrd.*

Ronald Byrd - January 29, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Conway first General Baptist Church purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Willard.*



Conway first General Baptist Church - January 29, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Willard.*



January 26, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ *Solid White Standing Cross With Pastel Flower Break was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Willard.*



January 22, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Mary Ann was a big part of my life as a kid. I spent a lot of time at her home, hanging out with my lifelong friend Debi. Mary Ann was always welcoming and just a sweet spirit in general. My prayers and love are with her family right now. Rest in peace, Mary Ann*

ELISE BREWER - January 19, 2021 at 08:54 PM



In less than 6 months I lost 3 neighbors .. 2 I have known as long as I have a memory and can remember. Mrs. Mary Ann was a friend mom figure Christian and a loving lady who loved with all her heart . I will miss her all my days left on this earth . I loved her and she loved me I know cause we said it to each other . Some of you reading this should do it also. Her best wish for everyone was to except Christ as your saviour and not go to hell.. she was a great teacher and lover of life and Gods word. I love ya Mrs. Mary and I still here her say it back. You are in heaven and with God Jesus and Buddy. To all of her children I'm sorry we all lost a great part of life and its meaning and how to go threw it. I love yawl to..

Andy Hurst - January 22, 2021 at 09:47 AM

BB

*Andy,
I know mama loved you and Melissa as well. You were great neighbors and good friends. Thank you for making such great memories with mama and Buddy. I meant to call you earlier, sorry I haven't had a chance to but these last few weeks have been a whirlwind for me. I know you have suffered with great loss since August and it's been really hard for you. Praying for you to have peace and comfort in the midst of storms.*

*Love,
Beth (Willard) Byrd*

Beth Byrd - January 22, 2021 at 10:04 AM

MW

“ *I miss you already!*

Mary Jane Willard - January 19, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ *Your mom had more faith and love than almost anyone I have known. Her life was one of praising God. Every time I saw her at church, she had such joy and peace. Her countenance was radiant with the presence of God. She truly was a saint.*

coleen moorman - January 19, 2021 at 07:21 PM

SG

“ *I have many memories of Mary Ann as our Avon lady, singing with her at church, and her getting me to work with the kids at church to put on a play about Moses (she had to twist my arm for that one, but it gave me a love for working with the small kids). She was a great neighbor and friend and will really be missed. Prayers for all the family and friends.*

*Much love,
Serena*

Serena Garner - January 19, 2021 at 07:18 PM

MR

Ms. Maryann was a very special lady, she was always so kind and sweet to me. She would always say hello to me after every church service, or even if she saw me in Walmart. I pray that God gives her family much peace and comfort during this hard loss. Many prayers for you all! Big hugs and lots of love too! 🤗❤️

Melissa (Fitzhugh) Rempe - January 20, 2021 at 08:38 PM