



Willye Mable Chambers

December 10, 1941 - December 12, 2023

Willye Mable Lemons Chambers, age 82 of Morrilton, Arkansas passed away on December 12, 2023 at her son's home in Illinois surrounded by family. She was born December 10, 1941, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the late Jimmy Richard Lemons and Thelma Dilworth Lemons.

Willye and her family lived in Arkadelphia, Arkansas for fourteen years before moving to Menifee, Arkansas where they lived for four years before moving to Morrilton where she had lived for the past forty-one years. (from 1980 to present). She was a member of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Morrilton.

Willye's work experience includes four years in cosmetology in Hot Springs; seven years as a nutritionist assistant in Arkadelphia; and a total of twenty-nine years in education with the East Side School District and the South Conway County School District. She retired in 2004.

A graduate of the historic Langston High School in Hot Springs, Willye attended Hollywood Beauty School in Hot Springs and received her cosmetology license. She attended Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

She and her late loving husband Raymond Chambers had been married for 57 years when he passed away in November 2020. They had two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After retiring Willye enjoyed volunteer work and giving back to her community.

She volunteered at the Conway County Care Center; Conway County Christian Center: served on the Conway County Community Foundation Board, and Friends of the Conway County Library Board.

Willye was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton, where she was a member of the Upper Room Sunday School Class, a Greeter and Secretary of the Administrative Counsel. A member of the Conway County Retired Teachers Association.

Other than her parents and husband she was preceded in death by her sister, Beatchre Strong, her son, Eric "Ricky" Chambers. Willye leaves to cherish her memories, her wonderful caring and devoted son and daughter in law; Ivan and Nadine Chambers of Aurora, Illinois; Four grandchildren, Ivan Chambers Jr of Los Angeles, California; Kara (Anthony) Granville of Tucson, Arizona; Erika (Jarrod) Black of Conway, AR; Airelle Chambers of Garland, TX.; Goddaughter, Cristye James Walker of Little Rock, AR. Niece, Anita Renee (Augusta) Farver of Sherwood, AR; Five Great-grandchildren. Special friends, Vernon and Consevella James of Little Rock, AR; Tyrone and Jonia Hammond of Plumerville, AR; The Friday Night Group and the Sunday Lunch Group.

Memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday January 5, 2024, at First United Methodist Church Morrilton with Pastor Bill Sardin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to First United Methodist Church Morrilton, 201 S. Chestnut St. Morrilton, AR 72110 or Conway County Care Center, PO Box 494, Morrilton, AR 72110

The family would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and fellowship shown to us during our time of bereavement.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
201 S. Chestnut St.
Morrliton, AR 72110

Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. created a Streamed by First United Methodist Church Morrilton in memory of Willye Mable Chambers*



Harris Funeral Home - December 28, 2023 at 02:20 PM

MS

I enjoyed working with Willye at MJHS. When I think of Willye, I think of quiet, dignified grace. She was always kind and soft spoken. I would like to send my sincere sympathy to Ivan and the rest of the family.

Mona Kaye Scroggins - January 05, 2024 at 07:54 AM

NC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nadine Chambers - January 26, 2024 at 11:39 PM

BE

“ *Willye Mable was a real nice person. I remember her serving in the Sunshine Service Club while living in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. We could not believe they were leaving us. I can't believe how many years have passed. My sincere sympathy to the family. We all loved her and will miss her. 🙏💕*

Burley Jean Eason - January 08, 2024 at 12:47 AM

ES

“ *May her soul Rest in Peace*

Erica Strong-Williamson - January 05, 2024 at 05:45 PM

NT

“ *Wilye Mable,*

*If you were reading this message, you would feel the joy in my heart
♥♥ over the loving ties that bound us together as cousins.*

*By the time I started school at Langston High, you and Raymond
had graduated, yet we knew some of the same people. This made
our telephone visits in later years, a time for reminiscing and sharing
home town news of good ole Hot Springs.*

*Sweet, caring, wise and loving are a fitting description of you and
this is how I will always remember you. God has received another
Angel to embrace His heavenly realm and I am so glad to know you
have gained a new home with Him.*

Lovingly,

Your cousin, Nina

Nina Truitt - January 05, 2024 at 03:46 AM

CM

“ *Please accept the Wilson Family's condolences on the passing of
your loved one, the lovely and classy wife of Mr. Raymond
Chambers - a favorite teacher of ours at Peake High School in
Arkadelphia, AR. It was an honor to have known such a great
couple, and we will truly miss them both. May God embrace you in
comfort during this difficult time.*

Carolyn Wilson Myers and Family

Carolyn W Myers - January 04, 2024 at 11:35 PM

SH

“ I am very happy to have spent a few days with Willye in November. I had lunch with her to encourage her to eat some food. She is pleasant to be with even with her sickness. I am very happy Willye was a second mom to my daughter, Nadine.

Sonia Hall - January 02, 2024 at 02:45 PM

NC

“ If there was a Mother-In-Law award, it would go to Willye Chambers. She treated me as if I was her flesh and blood daughter. Our relationship was strong. It was funny when we were out together and people would think she is my Mom. We will miss you Mom, but I promise we will be okay. You will live forever in our hearts. Gone but never forgotten. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Nadine Chambers - December 29, 2023 at 05:27 PM

ET

I never had the opportunity to meet Mrs Chambers, but I know she was a beautiful and loving mother-in-law to my niece, Nadine. She will be surely missed, never to be forgotten. May she rest in peace.

Ester Taveras - January 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM

BF

“ Mrs. Chambers was always so kind to my family & I. It was such a joy to see her as Mr. Chambers was inducted into the Hall of Distinction this past May. She was a truly special person and I'm so sorry for your loss.

Beth Fullerton - December 16, 2023 at 08:37 PM

RT

“ I am so sorry to hear this. she was a very sweet lady. Mr chambers was awesome too. May God bless the family and prayers are headed ur way



Rhonda Tanner - December 15, 2023 at 10:05 PM

MI

“ It was such an honor to know this beautiful soul. Mrs Chambers was one of the sweetest, compassionate, unselfish, and loving friend that I have ever had. The room lit up when she walked in it with such an unforgettable smile. She will be missed dearly and I will cherish every memory that I shared with her. I was so fortunate to meet Mrs. Chambers as she and my parents were elementary through high school friends. The stories they shared about growing up were amazing. My deepest and sincere condolences to Ivan and the whole Lemons-Chambers family from myself, my dad, and our family. Rest in love, sweet angel. We love you dearly.



Michelle - December 14, 2023 at 09:34 PM

CJ

Willye and Raymond were very dear friends for over fifty years. We shared so many losses but rejoiced as we celebrated so many joyous times together. We focused most of our time on our children and other children as well. They were entrusted with the care of our daughter as her godparents. Their love for family was evident as they cared for their parents and other family members like Auntie who lived to be 100 years old. Willye's sense of style and grace was a family value as Auntie wanted to make sure her hair and nails were done even as she approached the century mark. Willye made sure that value was continued throughout her life, even during the worst days.

The strong sense of family was also passed on to Ivan and Nadine who made sure the "Queen" had everything she needed throughout her illness. Thank you for being there for her. She was so proud of you and Nadine, and of course the grands! We have been there through the rough times and will continue to be there for you

We will cherish all of the wonderful memories forever!

Vernon and Consevella James

Consevella James - January 04, 2024 at 03:27 AM

BB

To Ivan and family, deepest condolences at the loss of your mom, a wonderful person. I was Mr. Chambers' secretary for several years and is when I met Willye, such a real person. She smiled and welcomed me. You cannot forget that smile. Take heart at the full life she and Mr. Chambers led. Know you are not alone at this moment in time.

Bonnie Brown

Bonnie Brown - January 05, 2024 at 01:44 PM