



Willowdean Mae Gardner

January 17, 1921 - October 2, 2015

Willow Dean Mae Gardner, age 94, of Westover, Ala. died on Friday, October 2, 2015. Graveside service will be Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 2:00 PM at Union United Methodist Cemetery. Rev. Dean Bowers will be officiating.

Willow Dean was born in Westover, Ala. on January 17, 1921 to George W Strother Sr. and Hattie Mae Johnston Strother. She graduated Ramsey High School in Birmingham Ala. After High School she attended New York City College. Willow Dean served her country in the WAC (Women's Air Core) during World War II stationed in Miami, FL. She graduated from Massey Business College in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Gardner retired from Social Security Administration in Birmingham, Ala. in 1983. She served her community through the Eastern Star. Willow Dean loved to travel, bird watching, and being out in nature. She was of the Methodist Faith.

Mrs. Gardner is survivors by her two daughters; Gwen Herren of Athens, Ga, and Nedra Isbell and husband Bill; sister Charlotte Strother(wife of Rudy Strother), 3 grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by husband, Clarence W. Gardner of Westover, Ala.; brothers, Marvin Strother , Rudolph Wayne Strother, and George W. Strother Jr. (Jean McManus).

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about the passing of WillowDean. Remember our childhood days at the store? God bless you. Dorthy Sue Strother

Dorthy Strother - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gwen and Nedra, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I have such sweet memories of her riding that tractor out in the field by the pond. May God give you peace at this time of loss. Love, Tricia

Patricia Arledge - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ As I was growing up in Westover, Willowdean was my second Mom. Willowdean and my Mom (Jeanette Nance) were strong leaders in the local chapter of the Eastern Star and in our community church - Mount Tabor UMC. I remembered playing Rook with Gwen on Saturday nights. Great memories. Special Thoughts and prayers to Willowdeans family.

Jeanne Champion Fisch - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM