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Willie Mae, known as Mama, Granny, and “Sweetie Pie” left behind more than just people. The greatest gift she left us is her unconditional love. As her daughter, I grew up hearing my daddy always call her “Sweetie Pie” because she was consistently loving and kind and she was a helpmate to him through all of life. She was there with words fitly spoken to rise to the occasion of whatever they faced in life. She was the love of my father’s life and his best friend; and she found pleasure in pleasing him. She was the virtuous woman the Bible speaks of and she put the needs of her family before her own. In fact, pleasing her husband, her family, and the Lord were the desires of her heart. She always went the distance, and never felt she was making a sacrifice to give up her time, her vacations, or whatever she was called on to do for her family. The only time she ever got angry was when she felt someone was mistreating her family and even then, she didn’t sin. She was a good pastor’s wife and was loved by my dad’s congregations. She was an example of what a wife, a mother, and a Christian should be.

Her faith was steadfast even when she lost her son Gary to cancer when he was just 17 years old and when she lost her son Les when he was brutally murdered at 32 years of age. She never hated anyone nor did she get angry

or doubt God. My mother lived out her faith before us, not just with words, but with actions and unconditional love. She was a woman who was praised by sinners and Saints alike because even those who knew not Christ could see Christ in her by her unconditional love.

When my dad was a pastor, she taught the children's Sunday School class and was always supportive in a quiet way and never sought attention or preeminence, but considered it an honor to be able to teach little children to sing praises to God and to teach them God's Word. When my dad was a building contractor, my mother was his secretary as well as a full-time housewife. No matter what my dad did for a living, she assisted him inside and outside of the home when there was a need.

She was a woman of virtue and admired by all who knew her. She was known for her love and hospitality. She opened her doors to provide shelter and food to those in need and never complained or thought she was taken advantage of. She was patient and found joy in giving.

My parents relationship with one another brought glory to God. Even in the Nursing Home where they lived out their final years together, they were a witness of love to all who knew them. They lived for each other and loved each other for over 73 years and their love for each other was their greatest gift to us. My dad's hope in life was for them to go to Heaven at the same time because he didn't want to be without his "Sweetie Pie."

My mother told me long ago of how my dad and her met. It was love at first sight for her when she looked at him over a campfire at a Youth Party. She was only around 14 years old, but she knew that was the man she would marry one day, and 3 years later her dream came true. Their marriage was ordained by God and the proof of that is the years they lived out their lives in unconditional love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin and Verdell Carter; mother and father-in-laws, C. K. and Maude Lawhon; her sons, Les Lawhon and Gary Lawhon; her sister, Margaret Lawhon; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Carter and brother-in-laws, Freddy Lawhon, and Jimmy Lawhon and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Glenn Frank Lawhon, two children, Glenda Sparks (Charles) and Calvin Lawhon, of Crawfordville, FL; one brother, Harper Carter of Crawfordville, FL ; brother-in-law, Donny Lawhon (Carrie) of Crawfordville, FL ; daughter-in-law, Shirley Williams, of Lucedale, MS, three grandsons, Michael Crosby, Glenn Hamel (Vera), Keith Lawhon (Amanda) of Crawfordville,FL and one step-granddaughter Michelle Sparks Raymond (David), of Tallahassee,FL twelve great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel. The visitation will begin one hour prior to the service. Burial will immediately follow at Arran Cemetery.

Amber Miller of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements, 850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville
5 Shadeville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-3333

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Glenda and family: What a beautiful and fitting tribute to a truly gracious and loving Christian lady that always had a smile and kind word for everyone She and my mother were dear friends, and though we will miss her, we rejoice that she is with our Lord and free from earthly sorrows. We will hold you all in our thoughts and prayers as you honor the precious memories of your dear mother.

Kathy & Larry Lawhon

Kathy Lawhon - December 08, 2016 at 07:41 AM

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“ Prayers and much Love goes out to Glenda and the rest of the family at this time. Thank you for allowing me to get to know your family... God Bless and when the time comes once again i will be happy to see her .

Kathy Edel - December 07, 2016 at 11:58 PM