



Willa Mae Hankey

December 4, 1922 - April 24, 2025

Willa Mae Franklin Hankey, daughter of James Everett & Katheryn Elizabeth Franklin was born Dec 4, 1922. Willa was preceded in death by her 4 older brothers and husband, Ralph Hankey of 64 years. She leaves 3 daughters Barbara Adams of Bolivar, Karon Starr & husband Mark of Bolivar, & Jane Hollensbe & husband Bruce of Olathe, Ks. Willa also leaves 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren & 8 great great grandchildren.

Willa grew up on a farm in Rondo, Missouri, became a Christian at age 12 where she attended the Rondo Baptist Church. Her family later moved to Bolivar where she graduated high school. In her younger married years Willa was a hair dresser in Buffalo where she owned Willa's Beauty Nook. After retirement, she and husband Ralph moved back to Bolivar & lived there for over 40 years. In her last 3 years Willa resided at Parkview Health Care until her peaceful passing on April 24. She has been a member of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar since 6/28/1981. Willa not only had a strong Christian belief, but also strongly believed in her mental & physical health. Even at 102 years old, you could find her any day of the week in PT, (or as she liked to call it, the gym) where she enjoyed riding the stationary bike for 20 minutes, 3-5 times a week. She actively participated in Bingo & Dominoes, along with other activities. She was a positive influence to all she met. She will be greatly missed. Services for Willa, will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar. Visitation will be held

10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Church. Burial will follow services in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Southern Hills Baptist Church
1220 South Springfield
Bolivar, MO 65613
<http://southernhillsbolivar.org/>

Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

MAY 3 (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband, John and I were so excited to meet his cousin, Willa several years ago. She was one of the nicest people we have ever met and we fell in love with her instantly. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, Willa



Teresa Franklin - April 30, 2025 at 06:45 PM

LF

“ Love, Teresa Franklin & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willa Mae Hankey.



Love, Teresa Franklin & Family - April 30, 2025 at 06:38 PM

BF

“ Bob Franklin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Willa Mae Hankey.



Bob Franklin - April 30, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willa Mae Hankey.* ”



April 29, 2025 at 09:20 AM