



Mrs. Delma Jean Wheatley

October 16, 1941 - May 29, 2024

Mrs. Delma Jean Wheatley age 82 passed quietly with her husband holding her hand on May 29, 2024 at her home in Gillett, Arkansas, surrounded by her devoted daughter and granddaughter. She was a dedicated, loving wife to her soulmate, Thomas Wheatley, for 65 years. She was the kindest, sweetest, most thoughtful and caring Mother to her children, Lorrie Wheatley of Powder Springs, GA, Warner & Teresa Wheatley of Canton, GA & John Wheatley of Tullahoma, TN. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Natalie Fuller. She also leaves behind sister, Donna Foltz of Forrest City, AR, and 2 half Sisters Tina Buckley and Sylvia Buckley of McCroy, AR. She was an incredible Mamaw and Nana to 7 Grandchildren, Tabitha Garner of Bremen, GA, Allen & Travis Wheatley, Amanda & Madison Wheatley of Canton, GA Robert Wheatley of Gallatin, TN and Meagan Howell of Shelbyville, TN. She also leaves 3 Great Grandboys that call her "Ma" Zed, Ben & Kase Garner of Bremen, GA, plus nephews, nieces, and others that were like family to her.

She was retired but was a child caretaker for many years. She loved being around children, giving them sweet hugs and spoiling them. She loved to cook and make her famous Brunswick stew back in the day, and the lucky ones got some sent home with them. There was never a get together without her favorite Pink Stuff. She loved flowers and making wreaths to brighten her home and the homes of others. She always wanted to take care of everyone. She would go out of her way to help you, whether you wanted it or not.

Viewing will be held at Essex Funeral Home in DeWitt Saturday June 1, at 2:30 with cremation to follow. She was private and preferred not to have a service with everyone staring at her. Her spirit was ready, but our hearts were not. She will be forever missed but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 2:30 AM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ My Aunt Delma wash the sweetest woman anyone could ever meet! I will always cherish the memories of visits when they’d visit us — but even more fun was going to Georgia to visit them ((and her Brunswick Stew was absotively posilutely fantabulous))! When Aunt Delma came over to visit us from Georgia, she would bring flavored coffee, long before it became “a thing” ... seems like she was ahead of curve! Besides great coffee, she sure did love going to the hair salon to keep her hair perfect, her many, Many, MANY books and a comfy recliner. I will forever remember her smiles and laughter. ❤️



Angie Foltz - June 02, 2024 at 12:29 AM

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* WAS * ((not “wash”)) ... WAS the sweetest woman ...
... She was ahead of *THE* curve!

Angie Foltz - June 02, 2024 at 12:38 AM

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She was always my bestie. She took care of me until she got married and moved to Georgia. The most precious woman in my life. I miss her more than anybody in my life...

Donna Foltz - June 17, 2024 at 02:16 AM

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“ *Delma was my loving Sister all of my life. We were very close all of our lives. Never a cross word our entire lives. She was not only my Sister, she was my heart and I will cherish her memory forever and always. I will always miss her my whole life, my life will never be the same. I will always Love and Miss Her until we meet again...*

DONNA FOLTZ HER SISTER - May 31, 2024 at 01:46 AM