



Mrs. Donna Gene McGhie West

October 24, 1935 - September 15, 2019

Donna Gene McGhie West, 83, of DeWitt went to be with Jesus Sunday, September 15, 2019 at Crestpark after her lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. She was born October 24, 1935 in DeWitt, AR to the late John and Lottie McGhie.

She was a retired business administrator of DeWitt City Hospital. She was a member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church and loved her Lord, her family, fishing, writing poetry, cooking, gardening, crafting, and Razorback and Cowboy football.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 57 years, Charles West; a brother, Walton "Fibber" McGhie; and 4 sisters, Alice Carle, Joyce Stephens, Margaret Dillion, and Juanita Carter.

She is survived by sons Mike West (Ann) of Conway and Jade West (Carrie) of DeWitt; daughter Kim Peterson (Joe) of Bartlett, Tennessee; 5 grandchildren, Emily West Ferris (Cody), Beth Peterson Drewery (Austin), Joshua Peterson (Emily), Matthew Peterson (Shelby), and Morgan West; sister Lois Faye Wilson of Florida; and 3 great-grandchildren, Carter Ferris, Noah Peterson, and Emma Drewery; and godchild Jodi Richard LeBlanc (Ricky).

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19 at Unity Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Gene Fulcher officiating. Burial will be at Forks LaGrue Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30-2:00 at the church preceding the service. Arrangements are by Essex Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Unity Missionary Baptist Church or Forks LaGrue Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of Crestpark for the love and care they provided.

Cemetery Details

Forks LaGrue Cemetery

DeWitt, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 19. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Unity Missionary Baptist Church
823 W. 4th St.
DeWitt, AR 72042

Service

SEP 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna Gene McGhie West.*



September 19, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna Gene McGhie West.*



September 18, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Ms Donna. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My mother, Jodine Young Carter, spoke so often about Donna and her sister. Mother and her sister, Barbara Young Long, were childhood friends of Ms Donna and her siblings. She shared stories with me about them playing together and going on picnics.*

Jo Hestir - September 17, 2019 at 09:12 AM



When I was a young teenager, this sweet lady would come by and pick me up to take me to church at East Side Baptist. I was saved there 61 years ago. I thank God for her. My prayers for her family.

Carolyn Sullivan - September 17, 2019 at 09:31 AM

RC

Aunt Donna was a joy to be around. I loved her azaleas and how pretty her yard always was. Aunt Donna and Uncle Charles made me feel like family from the beginning of Gary's and my marriage. The West Octoberfest was always great fun and has been sorely missed. Those are precious wonderful memories. I'm thankful I've got them from such wonderful people.

Robin Carter - September 17, 2019 at 09:42 PM

KP

My Mom's Celebration of Life service was BEAUTIFUL. We sang some of her favorite old hymns, played "The Midnight Cry". She and had listened to this song the day before she died. She held my hand and smiled. I felt she was telling me she was ready to go. My son, Joshua Peterson sang "I Can Only Imagine". Couldn't have asked for a more precious goodbye. Loved my Mom so much and will miss our visits dearly.

Kim West Peterson - September 20, 2019 at 09:32 PM