



Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp

May 10, 1928 - June 10, 2016

Willow Kemp

Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp, 88, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2016 following a brief illness. She was born on May 10, 1928 to J.C. Gentry and Percie Lee Caldwell Gentry. The oldest of nine children, Willow Mae became a caregiver for her siblings in her early years, learning to cook her delicious meals while standing on a chair to reach the stove. Several generations of family and friends will remember her fondly because of the fine meals she provided to anyone who came into her kitchen at mealtime. Willow Mae was a quiet woman with a quick wit and a tremendous love for her family and friends. She will be missed for her gracious welcoming of all who dropped in at mealtime, the many who gathered at her home for family gatherings several times a year, and by her loving family.

Willow Mae grew up in and around the Dot community and lived there for most of her life following brief periods in Thomaston, Ga. and Covington, Ga. In addition to working a number of years at LaMar Manufacturing, she became a chicken farmer, then a homemaker. Willow Mae was well known for her generosity in providing meals for families during times of grief as well as sharing the abundance of vegetables produced in the garden she loved to tend.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Hascal Kemp and her daughter, Dana Dianne Kemp, her parents, and brothers James and Hoyt Gentry, sisters Novie (Ham) Jordan and Myrl (Sylvania) Nolen. Willow Mae leaves behind son Steve (Phyllis), Jimmy (Sue) and daughter Carol (Scott) Hight. Also surviving is Danny Taylor, who was raised by the Kemps, and his wife Karen and son Robert. Survivors also include brother Harvie (Joann) Gentry, sisters Irene Abernathy, Ima (Bo) Gravitt, and Pearl Henderson and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Willow Mae had 6 grandchildren who were the joys of her life. Grandchildren are Stephanie (Bart) Cater, LeeAnn (Bert) Kreischer, Wade Kemp, Justin Kemp, Brandi (Howard) Lacheen, Leslie (Bradley) Davis, great grandchildren, Daniel Cater, Abigail Cater, Cody Kemp, Nick Lorenz, Georgia Kreischer, Ila Kresicher, and Lexie Kemp. She had one great, great grandchild, Lilah. The grandchildren and great grands will cherish memories of Christmas at Granny's with the stockings which were the highlight of Christmas Eve, Sunday lunch gatherings, and breakfast she brought down to the river for the overnight campers.

The Kemps will receive family and friends at Rainwater Funeral Home in Bowdon on Sunday May 12 from 4 until 7 pm. Viewing at Corinth Baptist Church on Dot Road will be from 2-3 pm on Monday, with funeral services to be held at 3:00 with Reverend Gary Stewart and Darnell Teal presiding.

Messages of condolence can be sent to the family at www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com

Rainwater Funeral Home of Bowdon was in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
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<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **13**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Corinth Baptist Church
79 Dot Road
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Our sympathy to Carol and Scott.* ”



Rod and Becky Sullivain - June 14, 2016 at 07:51 AM

JZ

“ *Joyce & Clarence Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp* ”



Joyce & Clarence Zimmerman - June 12, 2016 at 02:10 PM

DY

“ *Darlene Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp* ”



Darlene Young - June 12, 2016 at 11:54 AM

DY

Dear Carol and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your sweet mother's passing. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts at this difficult time. May all the wonderful memories you have bless and keep you. God bless. Love, Darlene and Buster Young

Darlene Young - June 12, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - June 12, 2016 at 10:24 AM

RK

“ Roy & Dorothy Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp



Roy & Dorothy Kemp - June 12, 2016 at 08:48 AM

JS

“ Jane Williams Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp



Jane Williams Smith - June 11, 2016 at 09:06 PM

KH

“ Kelley Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp



Kelley Hall - June 11, 2016 at 02:21 PM

CC

“ Carole Cook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp



Carole Cook - June 11, 2016 at 08:34 AM

MH

“ Mike And Lee Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp



Mike and Lee Haynes - June 11, 2016 at 07:29 AM

PA

“ Patty Akin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp



Patty Akin - June 10, 2016 at 07:51 PM

TH

“ *Tabbie Huff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp*



Tabbie Huff - June 10, 2016 at 07:12 PM

JJ

“ *Judie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp*



Judie Jackson - June 10, 2016 at 06:07 PM

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Judie Jackson - June 10, 2016 at 06:06 PM

JW

“ *Jerolene Kemp Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willow Mae Kemp*



Jerolene Kemp Williams - June 10, 2016 at 04:59 PM