



Mrs. Willie Ella "Lila" Hardee Hemmings Obituary

December 14, 1924 - April 11, 2013

Mrs. Willie Ella (Lila) Hardee Hemmings, 88, passed away April 11, 2013 in Albany, GA.

Funeral service will be held Sunday, April 14, 2013, 2:00 pm at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home with Reverend Garrett Andrew and Walter Blankenship officiating. Visitation will be held at Kimbrell-Stern one hour prior to the service (1:00 pm). A private interment will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013 at Crown Hill Mausoleum Chapel.

Mrs. Hemmings was born in Calhoun County on December 14, 1924. A self-taught cake artist, Mrs. Hemmings baked and designed wedding cakes and birthday cakes for the community and ran a successful wedding catering business for the majority of her adult life. She retired from First United Methodist Church as a former church hostess. Lila loved deeply and instilled a strong foundation of faith, family, worth, connectedness, and belonging.

Willie Ella is preceded in death by her parents, Tommy and Lura McDonald Adams; one brother Louis Adams, and two grandsons, Scott Hardee and William Mark Blankenship. She was married to Ben Hardee for 32 years until his death in 1979.

Willie Ella is survived by her husband of 18 years, Robert William Hemmings of Albany; sons Craig Hardee (Carla Smith), Merv Hardee (Diane); daughter Elaine H. Blankenship (Walter); stepson Scott Hemmings (Jackie), stepdaughter Debbie Smith, six grandchildren Travis Hardee, Tracie H. Dent (Jay), Joel Hardee (Karen) of Lawrenceville, Molly H. Wallis (T.J.) of Valdosta,

Sgt. John Michael Blankenship, U.S. Army 1st SFG, Fort Lewis, WA, Abby Rebekah Blankenship of Chicago, IL., and four great-grandchildren, Blakelee, Makenzie, Max, and Fin. She is also survived by three brothers, V. R. Adams, Curtis Adams (Betty Jo), both of Calhoun County, Tony Adams (Sue) of Jasper, GA, sister-in-law, Jewell Adams and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA, 31707.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Albany Community Hospice for their support and to our special sitters; Jocelyn, Loretta, Shirley, and Tameka.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

APR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *It was the summer of '71. I had just graduated from high school and got a summer job selling Bible reference books door-to-door to earn money to attend Iowa State University that fall. The book company shipped me far away from Iowa all the way to Georgia; mostly so the homesick salesmen could not easily get back home. Lila didn't buy a book the day we met, but a lasting friendship began that day on her doorstep. She was my second Mother. I was invited for several meals and grew an attachment to Merv and Elaine as well. I still have and use the leather bound Scofield Reference Bible she gave to me at the end of the summer. She signed with Proverbs 3:6 "In all ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." Lila and Elaine flew to Iowa to visit and made friends with my parents as well. I feel honored to have known her and her family. She served our Father well and is now with Him in paradise. I will see her again someday.*

Terry McClatchey - St. Joseph, MO - friend - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Craig, Merv and Elaine, my prayers are with you. This is a sad day to learn of your Mom's passing, but I know heaven truly has another angel. I was blessed for many years with her care and love when I stayed in your childhood home. You knew me better as "Vickie" Neugent in those days. I was honored with your Mom's handling of my wedding reception and will always have a fond memory of that to add to the many others. It has only been a few years ago that I ran into your Mom while I was in Albany as I have on a few occasions before. It was always a blessing to see her. Please know that I am thinking of your and remembering you in my prayers during this time. I told my mother, Alice Batten White, a while ago of your Mom's passing and she also wishes to let you know of her prayers and sympathies as well.

Anne Marie Bishop - Gainesville, GA - Friend - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear Uncle Willie:*
I just received the somber message of your wife's departure from this life. How incredibly sad and abandoned you must feel. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow.

Though we don't keep in personal contact us much as I'd like too, I feel compelled to write a few words to let you know what an impression you and your wife made when we had our family gatherings. Your relationship was always an inspiration to me. Your example of care for each other proved to me that real love does exist. It was a secret dream of mine to find a mate who would seem as close to me as I felt you and my aunt were. It brings tears to my eyes to comprehend the loss you must feel.

Johnnie B & Frances Jefferson - Valdosta, GA - Aunt - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ You were such a kind and considerate neighbor. Toby and I always enjoyed your company. .

Please accept condolences from the Franks and the Medlin families

Russell and Toby Medlin - Albany, GA - Neighbor - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM