



## Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin

August 28, 1934 - April 4, 2016

Winona Hester Dill Martin, 81, passed away on April 4th, 2016 at The Oaks Nursing Home in Marshallville, GA after a long fight with breast cancer.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday, April 12th at 11 AM at Sherwood Baptist Church with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Sherwood Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 12th from 9-11 AM prior to the funeral. The Rev. Andy Cook will officiate.

She was born Winona Lucille Hester on August 28, 1934 in Waterloo, GA to Sallie Lou Griffin Hester and Samuel Blake Hester. She was the salutatorian of the Irwinville High School Class of 1951, and was proud to be a varsity basketball player all four years of high school. Winona graduated from South Georgia College with an associate's degree in education. She was married to Charles J. Dill, Jr and they moved to Albany, GA shortly after marrying.

Winona worked as a secretary at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and later at McIntosh Junior High, and then stayed home to raise her family. She later went back to work for the Dougherty County School System, first as a substitute teacher for Albany Junior High and then as an office manager for Northside Elementary. She also co-taught third grade Sunday school at Sherwood Baptist. After Charles Dill passed away in 1978, she married Glenn Martin in 1984.

After a stroke in 1999, Winona moved near her daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Mark Closson. She lived at the Presbyterian Home (now the Village) in Summerville, SC; Antebellum Grove in Warner Robins, GA; and the Oaks Nursing Home in Marshallville, GA. She enjoyed her time playing bingo and spending time with fellow residents, and her family is grateful to the many wonderful caregivers that tirelessly took care of Winona over the years.

Winona dearly loved her family. She is predeceased by her mother, her father, her brother Harlon Hester, and both of her husbands, Charles J. Dill, Jr. and Glenn Martin. She is survived by her brothers Lanny Hester of Waterloo, GA and Russell Hester of Omega, GA; her daughter and son-in-law, Marsha Dill Closson and Mark Closson and their children Colleen and Samuel of Perry, GA and Summerville, SC; her daughter, Teresa Dill Mills, and her son Noah of Augusta, GA; nephews and nieces Paul Hester, Terry Hester, Ryan Hester, Nathan Hester, Kevin Hester, David Dill, Nancy Dill Freeman, Vicki Dill Bigney; beloved sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Gail Hester Fletcher, Cheryl Hester, Grace Dill, and Wiley Dill; and many other loved grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial may be made to The Chaplain's Fund, c/o The Presbyterian Home (The Village), Achim Daffin, Chaplain, 201 W 9th North St, Unit 140, Summerville, SC 29483 or to Sherwood Baptist Church, 2201 Whispering Pines Rd, Albany, GA 31707 in memory of Winona Martin.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sherwood Baptist Church  
2201 Whispering Pines Road  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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2201 Whispering Pines Road  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *You took my heart with you to Heaven, Mama. I miss you and love you so much.*

**Teresa Mills** - April 18, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolence for the loss of your dear loved one. Although death can cause bouts of sadness please allow yourselves to be uplifted by the promise of endless life with perfect health surrounded by the people who cherished the life of Winona. May the love of our Father, the God of all comfort, surround you at this time as we look forward to the day when death will be no more. Rev. 21:4*

**D Stevenson** - April 13, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.*



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April 11, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ *Eldridge, Shirl, Susannah, & Caroline purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.*



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**Eldridge, Shirl, Susannah, & Caroline** - April 11, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ *We will miss this strong Southern woman who worked hard to love and care for her family. We pray God's blessings of peace and comfort for all of you during this time of change and remembering. Love, The Eldridge Closson Family.*

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**Luke and Shirl Closson** - April 11, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.*



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April 11, 2016 at 10:19 AM

PL

“ Praying for strength and comfort for your family! I have many wonderful memories of Winona when we were at Northside!

Patricia Littleton - April 09, 2016 at 09:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.



April 09, 2016 at 01:49 PM

LF

“ My sympathy to you in the loss of your sweet mother. Winona was so kind and helpful to me when I started as a new teacher at Northside School. My thoughts and prayers are with all your family.

Louise Fallis - April 09, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.



April 08, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.*



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April 08, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ *Thinking of this special family. We all share so many great AJHS memories!*  
*Nancy Reimer*

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**Nancy Reimer** - April 07, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ *Winona was such a lovely lady who would do anything for you. I treasured her friendship. She shall be missed by all who knew. My love, thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Carleen Flowers** - April 07, 2016 at 09:20 AM



*She was definitely a lovely lady. I knew her when she was married to one of my favorites, Charlie Dill, and they were a great couple. I will keep their daughters and families in my prayers. Joanne Stripling Smith*

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**Joanne s. smith** - April 07, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Hello to Mark, Masha and the grandchildren We love you and send our condolences. Love Don and Mary Ella*

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**Donald Finch** - April 06, 2016 at 10:36 PM

MS

“ Teresa, I am so sorry for your loss! As we discussed - she is enjoying ever lasting life now and with those that she has missed for so long! I pray that you will feel the comfort of God through those who love you. I am always here for you and will continue to do whatever possible for you and Noah! You have certainly carried your cross here on earth and I pray that Jesus will take that cross from you and allow you to enjoy your life as he continues to stay by your side. I wonder if she has met Jim yet! I am sure he also greeted her with those long lanky arms stretched out and gave her that big hug that you and I miss so terribly much. I love you my friend!

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**marsha smith** - April 06, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mrs. Winona Hester Dill Martin.



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April 06, 2016 at 12:53 PM

AC

“ My dear Mark, Marsha, Colleen, and Samuel...because of Winona, I came to know y'all and though miles and distance separated us over the years, I have lots of memories of her, especially of the years we shared together at N'side School...it's been a long journey, but Winona has received her Heavenly reward...May the beautiful undercurrent of His Peace bring you comfort today and in the days to follow...blessings❤️

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**Annlies Cato** - April 06, 2016 at 10:12 AM

MD

“ Winona, "Nonie" Hester Dill Martin, was my oldest and dearest friend. On our first day of school at Waterloo Elementary School in the first grade our Mothers sat us together and we remained close and inseparable until we graduated from High School and went to different colleges, and even then we kept in touch.

*To the Martin family: I am truly sorry for your loss, but it's a comfort knowing she's at home with her Savior, family, and friends gone on before her and she's at peace now.*

*I feel an emptiness in my heart, but I'm so blessed to have had her as my friend, she made my life so much fuller and better for having been such a big part of it. "I love you, Nonie, and I will see you again in our heavenly home."*

*Malone Childs Philips Daugherty*

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**Malone Daugherty** - April 05, 2016 at 07:23 PM

RF

“ Dear Martin Family and Friends, I read about the loss of Winona and want to express my sympathy. May your many memories bring you comfort during this special time. May your prayers bring you the peace of God with His promise to guard your hearts. Philippians 4:6,7 My sincere condolence to all of you.

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**R. Faust** - April 05, 2016 at 11:50 AM