



Mrs Katie Ruth "Tater Root" Willis

August 2, 1928 - December 28, 2020

Katie Ruth "Tater Root" Willis (Blackmon) died peacefully on Monday, December 28, 2020 in Foley, Alabama at the age of 92.

Katie is preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey Edward "Candy" Willis, and son Aubrey Edward "Eddie" Willis Jr. She is survived by her daughter: Ann (Larry) Craig, Gulf Shores, AL; Son: Luther "Rusty" Willis, Foley, AL, and Sister: Ruby Chambliss, Greenville, AL; Grandchildren: Dana Craig, Angela Craig, Laurel Bunn, Travis Willis, Thomas Willis, Tracy James, Sarah Fox, and Aubrey Craig; Great Grand Children: 9; Great-Great Grand Children: 5.

Katie was born on August 2, 1928 in Butler County to Luther and Josephine Blackmon. She graduated with her High School Diploma through correspondence, which she was immensely proud of. After moving from Butler County, Katie began working at the Magnolia Hotel where she met her future husband, Aubrey "Candy" Willis. They were married in March of 1950 and they welcomed three children into their home, Eddie, Ann, and Rusty. Katie was a Quality Control Analyst for Monsanto and stayed with the company for more than 25 years. After retiring, Katie owned one of the City of Foley's only 24-hour daycare facilities, Katie's Daycare. Katie was known as Mrs. Katie to many and she left a lasting impression on her daycare children and their parents.

A private celebration of life will be held Saturday January 2, 2021 at Pine Rest Funeral Home. Pastor Greg Wood will officiate the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Dementia Society of America or a

charity of your choice in her honor. Condolences can be sent to Rusty Willis at 512 N. Hickory St. Foley, AL 36535. The family would like to thank Robbie Sellers and Angie Thom with Diversicare for their compassionate care throughout the last few years of her life.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pine Rest Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs Katie Ruth "Tater Root" Willis*



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“ *Mrs Katie Ruth "Tater Root" Willis*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mrs Katie Ruth "Tater Root" Willis*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Tater was a damn good lady and I will miss her.*

Brandon R - March 14, 2021 at 10:54 PM

 John
Koehler

“ I just heard about Mrs Katie's passing. I was one of the many, many children she took care of throughout the years. She was such a kind, loving woman, and she always treated the children she took care of as if they were her own. My love and condolences go out to the family at this time.

John Koehler - January 13, 2021 at 09:25 PM

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“ What a sweet lady! I smiled when I saw her picture. Rest In Peace, Katie. Andy Kaiser.

Andy Kaiser - January 01, 2021 at 10:35 AM

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“ Lowell Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs Katie Ruth "Tater Root" Willis



Lowell Hicks - January 01, 2021 at 07:32 AM



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