



Wilda Andress Collins

April 20, 1929 - August 6, 2022

Wilda Andress Collins

Age 93, died peacefully Saturday, August 6th, 2022, at Good Shepherd Hospice House. She was surrounded by her family at her Homecoming. Wilda graduated Kathleen High School in 1946 where she was a member of the National Beta Club and was awarded the American Legion Certificate Award. In 1949, Wilda married her high school sweetheart Rennis Collins. Together they became active members at Central Avenue Baptist Church where they were volunteer youth ministers. Wilda was also employed here as church secretary for many years.

Rennis and Wilda later became active members of Southside Baptist Church where they served faithfully as youth choir chaperones, and volunteered in the annual Vacation Bible School until they were well in their 80's. Wilda was also a church hostess at Southside Baptist for many years; helping many visitors to find their place in the church family and make everyone feel welcomed.

Wilda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She always beamed with pride regarding her family. Externally young at heart, she loved cooking for her family and friends and was such an encouragement to all those around her.

Wilda's memory is cherished by all those who survive her: Children: Pamela Smith (Robert), Clay Collins (Beverly), Christy Dempsey (Richard).

Grandchildren: Cary Smith, Jonathan Smith, Stephenie Collins, Brandy Sheldon, Stephen Collins, Garrett Dempsey, Jacob Dempsey, and Joel

Dempsey. She has 17 great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by her brother Wayne Andress.

Wilda is reunited in Heaven with her loving husband, Rennis Collins, and her parents, Eva Andress Bland and Stephen Chalman Andress. She will also be reunited with her siblings: Mildred Rhoden, Myrian Howell, Doris Wagner, Hilda Andress, Brian Andress, and Ronnie Andress.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Southside Baptist Church
5330 Lakeland Highlands Road
Lakeland, FL 33813

Funeral Service

AUG **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

AUG **12** (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilda Andress Collins*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - August 09, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Your Ajax Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Wilda Andress Collins.*



Your Ajax Family - August 11, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wilda Andress Collins.*



August 11, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilda Andress Collins.*



August 11, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilda Andress Collins.*



August 09, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Criss Benefield purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wilda Andress Collins.*



Criss Benefield - August 09, 2022 at 01:54 PM