



Willie Mae Varnado Smith

May 20, 1915 - February 5, 2013

WILLIE MAE VARNADO SMITH, AGE 97

And a resident of Franklinton died at 6:45 am Tuesday February 5, 2013 at her home. She graduated from Franklinton High School in 1934 and was a longtime active member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton, where she was a member of the Senior Singers. Mrs. Willie Mae was a member of the Eastern Star and Franklinton's Chamber of Commerce. She was one of the first and longest active businesswomen in Franklinton as she was the owner/operator of Hall's Hardware for over 40 years. Mrs. Willie Mae also loved gardening and was an excellent cook. She was forever a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Survived by:

3 Daughters and Sons in law: Genevieve Smith Brannan of Franklinton, Brenda Smith Durr and Col. Donald Durr of Williamsburg, VA, Hallene Smith Magee and Randy Magee of Franklinton

7 Grandchildren and Spouses: Col. William Sherry Brannan, Jr. and Yumi Brannan of Abita Springs, Callie B. Foreman and Clayton Foreman of Covington, Wendy Durr Wall and Sidney Wall of Luanda, Angola, Africa, Donald David Durr, Jr. and Jane Lauren Durr of Richmond, VA, Robin Magee Einarson and Brad Einarson of Atlanta, Whitney Magee Delouche and Bo Delouche of Madisonville, Clayton Hall Magee of Lafayette

11 Great-grandchildren

Also numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews

She was preceded in death by her husband Hall Luther Smith, 6 sisters, 5 brothers, 2 infant siblings, and a son in law William Sherry Brannan, Sr.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Saturday February 9th from 9 am until 11 am. A funeral service will be held at 11 am Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Paul Watts and Rev. Dale Parker officiating. Burial will follow in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Col. William Sherry Brannan, Jr., David Durr, Jr., Clayton Magee, Joshua Foreman, Jonathan Foreman, Jacob Foreman, Caleb Foreman, Connor Brannan

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so very sorry to learn of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Judy Rollins Burch - February 13, 2013 at 10:10 AM

AJ

“ Dear Genevieve and family, I am so sorry about your Mother. She lived a long and wonderful life. I use to come to your house with my Dad when I was in high school. He would help your Dad cut hay. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. Love Annwood

Annwood Jenkins - February 12, 2013 at 11:27 AM

WK

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY AND I KNOW YOU WILL ALL MISS HER. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU.

WAYNE & SALLIE KNIGHT - February 09, 2013 at 12:03 AM

JR

“ Thought the world of Mrs. Willie Mae. I would visit with her when I was pastor at Bethel and often bought my hardware needs there in her store. The picture in this obituary is just exactly how I remember her. She will be missed. My prayers are with the family at this time.

Jim Richardson - February 07, 2013 at 12:58 PM

DT

“ *Genevieve and family; Sorry about the loss of your Mother. We will be out of town for the services. Will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Devon and Delores Thomas - February 07, 2013 at 10:32 AM

TM

“ *Willie Mae Varnado Smith*

t6ed& Kathy McElveen - February 06, 2013 at 05:19 PM

AP

“ *God Bless You during this time . She was a wonderful woman .*

Aubrey & Minnie Posey - February 06, 2013 at 04:50 PM

TC

“ *Our prayers are with you. So many good memories.*

Theron, Betty, Glenda, and Belinda Corkern - February 06, 2013 at 11:38 AM

DF

“ *So sorry - she and your dad were great friends and patients of mine from our arrival. She had a great do it my way of life. We will miss her.*

Dr. Gerald Foret - February 06, 2013 at 10:32 AM

FC

“ *I am thinking of you girls at this time and remembering the happy times way back when. She was just a special lady. I always enjoyed my stop-bys at the store when we came back through Washington Parish. Finley CorkernH*

Finley Corkern - February 06, 2013 at 08:56 AM

RS

“ Genny, Brenda, Hallene and family, I am saddened to learn of Ms. Willie Mae's passing because of the void she will leave in all our lives. She was quite a woman, in every aspect of family life. But I do take the consolation that you surely feel in knowing she is now with Mr. Hall and so many others who she knew and loved over the past 97 years, celebrating her eternal home with her Savior and Lord. She set a good example and taught many good lessons to all of her children, grandchildren and really, to all of us who knew and loved her. Our respect for her never lessened, but grew throughout our lives. May God bless you as you remember her fondly with affection and deepest love. Yours in Christ, Reggie

Reggie Simmons - February 06, 2013 at 12:48 AM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the days ahead.

Jessie & Tammy Knight - February 05, 2013 at 11:38 PM

LK

“ sorry for your loss. Prayers for family.

Larry and dot Kinlaw - February 05, 2013 at 10:32 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ms Willie Mae's passing. But what a blessing to have her to cherish on this earth for 97 years. She will be missed by many. When your having a bad day look up and smile because she is up there smiling down at you. Much love to your family while facing the difficult days ahead. I will be praying for you all.

Connie McDaniel - February 05, 2013 at 08:27 PM

SD

“ *Genevieve, Brenda and Hallene.....my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. How fortunate to have had your Mother's presence for so many years. Now, those very memories will sustain you in your grief. Your Mother was one of the sweetest.....and always had a smile! My love to each of you.*

Sylvia Garrett Dugas - February 05, 2013 at 06:12 PM