



Willie Marie Ruffin

May 2, 1931 - June 13, 2014

Willie Mary Harmon was born to Willie and Mary Lizzie Boone Harmon in Murfreesboro, North Carolina on May 2, 1931.

Her family moved to Ahoskie where they settled on Maple Street building a home and business on Catherine Street. She graduated from R. L. Vann and furthered her education at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia gaining her BA in English. This enabled her to work as a teacher in Newport News, Virginia, C. S. Brown and Murfreesboro High.

She was a member and Trustee of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church becoming the first female Trustee. She served in that capacity for over forty years.

She was married to Samuel Ruffin who preceded her in death. Her brother Gilbert Harmon also preceded her in death.

On Saturday, June 14, 2014, in Creekside Retirement Rehabilitation Center, she began her journey to be at the feet of her heavenly Father.

Cherishing her memory are her nieces, Delphine Chambers (Lee), Susan Ruffin, Jacqueline Pittman (Emerson); one sister-in-law, Emma Ruffin; three god-children, Maxine Joyner Thomas, Ronnie Vinson and Pamela Savage,

numerous first cousins, other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. One childhood friend and sister, Mrs. Lela Joyner.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Reynolds Funeral Home
321 Maple St. N
Ahoskie, NC 27910
(252) 332-2337
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Funeral

JUN **20** (ET)

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
600 N Catherine Street
Ahoskie, NC 27910
(252) 332-3775
<http://www.netministries.org/frames.asp?ch=ch17975&st=NC&name=Calvary%20Missionary%20Baptist%20Church&city=Ahoskie>

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Marie Ruffin*

January 28, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ *Rovaha lit a candle in memory of Willie Marie Ruffin*



rovaha - May 12, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *Van lit a candle in memory of Willie Marie Ruffin*



Van - September 15, 2016 at 01:52 PM



“ *Willie Mary, each time I think of you a smile comes to my face. I enjoyed your festive holiday celebrations especially at Christmas.*



Laura Dean Freeman Lassiter - July 26, 2014 at 05:15 PM

JB

“ Joy Bundy lit a candle in memory of Willie Marie Ruffin



Joy Bundy - June 21, 2014 at 10:25 AM

WM

“ Mrs. Ruffin was a wonderful English teacher. From what I hear, she was an English teacher to the end; always making sure people knew the correct use of the English language. Any student who was fortunate enough to have her as a teacher knew how fortunate they were when they went to college and left the rural life they knew as home. Rest in Peace, Mrs Ruffin! I may not always use proper English, but I definitely know that you never end a sentence with a preposition!



Wendy Johnson Marks - June 20, 2014 at 10:31 AM

NS

“ Nathaniel Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Willie Marie Ruffin



Nathaniel Stephenson - June 20, 2014 at 10:12 AM

DH

“ Deborah Holley lit a candle in memory of Willie Marie Ruffin



Deborah Holley - June 20, 2014 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ Mrs. Ruffin was one of the greatest teachers I've encountered. I will always remember her resolute demeanor, which taught me to appreciate all of my teachers!



Deb Denise - June 20, 2014 at 09:50 AM

KE

“ Keith Evans lit a candle in memory of Willie Marie Ruffin



Keith Evans - June 19, 2014 at 02:52 PM

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Joy Bundy - June 21, 2014 at 10:21 AM

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Joy Bundy - June 21, 2014 at 10:23 AM