



Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale

April 17, 1936 - November 3, 2022

It is with deep sorrow that the Truesdale family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Willene Bullock Smothers Truesdale, 86.

Mrs. Truesdale entered into rest on Thursday, November 3, 2022. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, November 6, 2022, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The Rev. Jimmy Beck will officiate with burial to follow in Tabernacle United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and other times at the residence. Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Truesdale, the widow of J. W. Smothers, was born in Kershaw, SC. she was the daughter of George Bullock and Maggie Barnes Bullock. Willene was the baby of thirteen children and grew up working on their family farm. She met her first true love, J. W. "Shack" Smothers in 1953, and together they had five children. She lost her husband in 1964 due to drowning while saving a child. She did the best she knew how to provide for her children as a single mother. Willene was a hard worker that included working various manufacturing jobs.

In 1986 she married Robert “Bobby” Truesdale. Shortly after their marriage, Bobby had a work accident that left him paralyzed. She faithfully cared for him for seventeen years. Willene was tough and faced many challenges in her life, but she conquered them all. She lost her oldest son, William, in 1999 and kept his memory alive and talked about him all the time.

Willene was a believer in Jesus Christ and gave Him all the credit for her endurance. She was not afraid of death and looked forward to seeing her loved ones again. She loved her family and friends, her furry best friend, “Bear,” cooking, family gatherings, decorating the house and yards for every holiday, westerns, receiving and mailing cards, and spreading cheer to everyone.

In her last days on earth, she was surrounded by her family, that mourned, laughed, prayed, and reminisced together. That is everything she wanted.

She is survived by her daughters, Jewel Smothers of Murrells Inlet, SC, Theresa Tolson Weinberg of Cheraw, SC; sons, Danny Smothers of Hartsville, SC, Michael (Janis) Smothers of Hartsville, SC; daughter-in-law, Angie Smothers of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Daniel Smothers, Gene Tolson, Adam Tolson, Danielle Engelbert, Brendt Jones, Sherry Gainey, Sandy Rodgers, Dylan Smothers, Jennie Lynn Joplin, Jimmy Smith; nineteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her first husband, she was preceded in death by her second husband, Robert Truesdale; son, William Smothers; her twelve brothers and sisters; grandson, Michael Thomas; daughter-in-law, Annie Marie Smothers.

Serving as pallbearers will be Daniel Smothers, Gene Tolson, Adam Tolson,

Dylan Smothers, Brendt Jones, Devin Tolson, D. J. Smothers, Mat Tolson, Easton Rodgers, and Conner Engelbert.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Funeral Service

NOV 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - November 06, 2022 at 10:10 AM

AC

“ *Ann Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Ann Crowley - November 08, 2022 at 10:00 AM

BH

I am so sorry. Just knew about this today . My mother and her were good friends. She was a good hearted lady and had a wonderful family.



Brenda Salmons Hutson - November 11, 2022 at 02:15 PM

MC

“ *Matt Ans Janice Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Matt ans Janice Cassidy - November 07, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DJ

“ *Dennis And Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Dennis and Robin Johnson - November 07, 2022 at 07:34 AM

LS

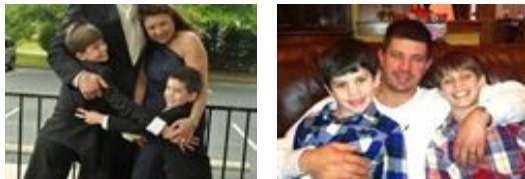
“ *Lucy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Lucy Smith - November 06, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - November 06, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - November 06, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Cookie Smothers Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Cookie Smothers Griffin - November 06, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Lisa Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Lisa Kelley - November 06, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ Sara Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale



Sara Purvis - November 05, 2022 at 01:32 PM

BR

“ Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale



Betty Sue Millsaps Ralley - November 05, 2022 at 12:58 PM

SB

“ My dear Aunt Willene was the strongest lady I ever knew. She was a very young lady when she was left a widow with five little children. She kept her family together and raised her precious children. I have many precious memories of her. I will miss her dearly, but I have God's promise that I will see her again in Heaven.

Shirley Branham - November 05, 2022 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ Judy Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale



Judy Bryant - November 05, 2022 at 10:12 AM

MG

“ *Monti Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Monti Gray - November 05, 2022 at 09:51 AM

LH

“ *Jewel and Mike, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious mother. Sandy you and your family will be in my prayers also for the loss of your grandmother.*

Linda Huggins - November 04, 2022 at 11:34 PM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God's hand rest upon you.*

Dan and Kathy Newsome family - November 04, 2022 at 09:49 PM

GC

“ *Sweet sweet lady* 🙏🙏🙏



Gaye Cox - November 04, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LK

“ *Lisa Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



Lisa Kelley - November 04, 2022 at 06:12 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willene Smothers Truesdale*



carol elmore bryant - November 04, 2022 at 05:34 PM

CB

I will miss my sweet neighbor. Prayers for Danny and the family today and in the days ahead. Love, Carol

carol elmore bryant - November 04, 2022 at 05:37 PM

LS

Aunt Willene you will be greatly missed. You've not had an easy life by no means but you made the best out of life. You had 5 beautiful children that loved you so much. Go fly high with the angels and all the family that will be there for you. Love you so much

Lucy Smith - November 06, 2022 at 03:23 PM

FE

“ *Grandma, we will miss you tremendously. You have always been a light in our family. Your love has always been in abundance. You have loved and been loved by so many. So until we meet again, rest in peace and tell my mom and dad hello. I love you.*

Freddie Engelbert - November 04, 2022 at 04:50 PM