



## Willene Neal Wheatley

February 23, 1938 - March 24, 2021

Willene Wheatley born Ethel Willene Neal 2/23/1938 in Tula, Mississippi, died of natural causes 3/24/2021 in Altamonte Springs, FL.

Willene had an infectious love of nature that she shared and nurtured in her children and grandchildren. Despite her challenges with dementia Willene maintained her sparkling personality. She continued to enjoy singing, laughing and spinning stories. She was a joy to be with.

Willene is preceded in death by her parents Annie & Bill Neal and sisters; Maureen, Peg & Sammie.

She is fondly remembered & greatly missed by her brother HC, son Paul, daughter Terri and niece & best pal Susan, her grandchildren; Marty, Amanda, Scott and William, great grandchildren; Daniel & Claire, nephews & nieces; Hugh, Rob, Pam, and Maureen as well as many other extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Alzheimer's Association  
<https://www.alz.org/>

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to be determined in North Carolina.

The family of Willene Neal Wheatley invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her memory.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My beloved mother, best friend and Cornwell book reading buddy died on March 24th, 2021. There is no softening of this blow, but stating it rather than dancing around it was more the way she was.

*Mom died with a small smile on her face and I believe it was because she saw her mom, dad and sisters waiting for her. She died in her sleep for which we are all very thankful.*

*My Grandfather once told me that my mom as a "pistol" when she was young. I remembering hearing so many "young Willene" stories and I can tell you that it continued into adulthood! What a bang! She was a tiny little "pistol", but loaded with dynamite! It was not wise to make her mad. She could put you in your place and shrink you down to nothing with just a few choice words. But, then she would pull you up a help you start on your way again.*

*That smile! That laugh! That sunny disposition! She was mischievous and playful. She loved music, from rock and roll to Glenn Miller. She loved the beach. Said it fed her soul and refreshed her for the work week. And that cold fried chicken, potato salad (in an iced to the top cooler) and dozens of cans of Winn-Dixie/Quick Chek sodas were absolutely necessary, at least the many, many times I went with her.*

*She also loved to see the leaves change in the mountains every autumn and went to camp up in them for many years. he dearly loved each trip to the Smokies.*

*She loved to read! Anything really, but mostly books for pleasure. She would devour a book! She would get a really good book, make some coffee to have with it and pour that into a carafe, and find a good place to sit for a few hours. She liked her coffee hot and black, just like her daddy taught her. Coffee with cream and sugar wasn't real coffee her daddy said, so it must be true.*

*She also loved to fish. Cane pole fishing, another think taught by*

*her daddy. My grandmother once told me that of all her daughters, my mom was the most like grandpa! How proud that made my mom!*

*You are always in my heart mom, always.*

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**Terri L Kelly** - April 02, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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