



## Willene Harding

October 7, 1933 - February 24, 2026

Willene Harding, born October 7, 1933, passed away peacefully at her home in Marion, Arkansas on February 24, 2026, at the age of 92.

Willene was raised poor on a farm but wealthy in what counted most, family. She was one of 11 children. She would have been the first to tell you that life was hard and those life lessons learned made her the woman she was until her last breath. She loved her children above all, fiercely independent, (and taught her daughters to be the same) hard working until she retired at age 75 as a waitress, factory worker, and CNA, sometimes working two jobs to make certain her children had what they needed. She was an excellent seamstress. If you needed britches patched, clothes altered, or curtains made she was the one to go to. She loved making quilt tops, doing cross stitch, working puzzle books, gardening, flowers, canning and cooking. Her recipes have been passed down through generations.

Willene was preceded in death by her parents, Imon and Joy Cummings, siblings, Wilma Dean Gwatney, Dorothy Reed, Larry and Delton Cummings, husbands, first Donald A. Dougan, Sr. and second, Oliver Lewis Harding and her daughter, Lela Marie Jackson. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ann Cagle (Jerry) and Donna Grace Aguirre (Albert), sons, Donald A Dougan, Jr. and Ronald Ray Dougan, siblings, Willard, Ivan, Millard, Arlis and Billy Lynn Cummings, and Becky Jane Swanson, and a host of grandchildren,

great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank Legacy Hospice for their tender care shown to our mom in her final days.

Lastly and with love in our hearts, if you want to know more about our mom, read the book of Proverbs, chapter 31, it will tell you all you need to know.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 1 to 2 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 PM with burial in Smith Chapel Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Funeral service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

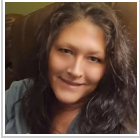
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## Interment

FEB 28 (CT)

Smith Chapel Cemetery  
Hwy 350  
Wynne, AR 72396

# Tribute Wall



“ Lynn Mobbs lit a candle in memory of Willene Harding



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**Lynn Mobbs** - March 02 at 09:40 PM

RR

“ Sending prayers and love in the passing of Aunt Willene. Love, Randall and Leigh

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**Randall Reed** - February 28 at 11:14 AM

TT

“ The Tickeys purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willene Harding.



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**The Tickeys** - February 28 at 08:59 AM

JC

“ Joyce, Randall, Leigh, Linda, Jack, Margie & Charlie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Willene Harding.



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**Joyce, Randall, Leigh, Linda, Jack, Margie & Charlie** - February 27 at 11:43 AM

BP

“ Sincere condolences to the family.

Barbara Pumphrey - February 27 at 11:06 AM

KD

“ Katrina, Evye, and Bristol Dougan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Willene Harding.



Katrina, Evye, and Bristol Dougan - February 27 at 09:47 AM

LK

“ Love you Ray, Cindy, Jaden and Kallie purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Willene Harding.



Love you Ray, Cindy, Jaden and Kallie - February 26 at 08:08 PM

PC

“ Pastor Michael and Victory Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willene Harding.



Pastor Michael and Victory Church - February 26 at 07:44 PM

CK

“ Aunt Willene was one in a million. She was our Super Woman. Was always the first to come in a time of need. She gave and never ask for anything in return she was and always will be the Proverbs 31 woman.



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**Charlene Kelso** - February 26 at 03:33 PM