



Mrs. Dona Mae Lyons

November 8, 1930 - July 27, 2017

Dona M. Smith Lyons of Chickamauga, Georgia, passed on July 27, 2017. She was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga-Chickamauga area. She was of the Christian faith. Dona was born in South Pittsburg on November 8, 1930 and moved to Chattanooga in the 40's and graduated from Central High School. Early on she worked at Century Candy Company where she met Billy. Later, she worked for Provident Insurance Company, Civil Service and retired from Social Security. She loved spending time with her family, sewing, and crocheting.

Dona is preceded in death by her parents: William Wallace Smith and Catherine Haskew Smith Stapleton, brothers: William Wallace (Wally) Smith Jr., H. Timothy (Tim) Smith, and Jon Theodore (Ted) Smith. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Billy Lyons, daughter Debbie (Steve) Cooper, granddaughters: Stephanie (John) Dickert, Jennifer Johnson, Corey (Shannon) Cooper, and seven great grand-children all of this area, and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Sunday July 30, 2017 from 1pm until 3pm at Wilson Funeral Home in Fort Oglethorpe for a Life Celebration. The Memorial Service will be in the funeral home chapel at 3pm, with Bro. Donald Grohman and Bro. Jack Wasky officiating. Inurnment will take place in the Chattanooga National Cemetery at a later date. Billy B. says "Don't bring flowers bring prayers" in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Habitat for Humanity 1150 E. 14th St, Chattanooga., Tn. or Alzheimer's Assoc. 7625 Hamilton Park Dr. #22, Chattanooga., Tn. in her memory.

If you have a fond remembrance of Dona that you would like to share, please do so in the online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Our Beloved Aunt Sitter*

*Dona Mae was sculpted by the gentle hands of God
Her heart and her soul, so pure and unflawed*

*She loved unconditionally, treating everyone as her own
Teaching lessons about fairness and seeking the unknown*

*Her eyes saw no color, just goodness and joy
It's character that counts, closed minds will destroy*

*She taught important lessons in life, about overcoming limitations
Learn to sew and play an instrument, build a solid foundation*

*She was the matriarch of her family, a leader of her tribe
Setting standards for the women, "Forever Loved" we'll inscribe*

*Her beautiful smile, will live on in our hearts
As her body slips away and her soul slowly departs*

*Alzheimer's no longer, has a hold on our love
She is once again whole, dancing with Jesus up above*

*Dona Mae Lyons, beautiful mother, Sitter, grandmother, and wife
Your ray of sunshine lights the way ,as we celebrate your wonderful life*

LeeAnn Horn - August 01, 2017 at 11:07 AM

DC

Oh LeeAnn, that is beautiful! Thank you! I love this!

Deb Cooper - August 01, 2017 at 06:59 PM

MP

“ *She was so full of life. Her smile was infectious. I loved the way she called my
uncle, Billy B!*

Michelle Powell - July 29, 2017 at 08:25 PM

PT

“ Last time I remember talking with Dona was at a cookout held at the farm by Debbie and Steve. I hadn't seen her in years because we had moved from Chattanooga in the 70's. She was just as warm and funny as I had remembered her and I loved that! She will be missed.

Patti Thurman - July 28, 2017 at 08:47 PM

RM

“ My Mama Dona was my ray of sunshine I would get so excited when I knew she was coming to visit!! She taught me to sew and to drive and I even think she taught me to dance. She was always there for me and loved me unconditionally just like I was her own. She is a part of some of my most cherished memories. Her beautiful smile lives on in my heart!! I love you, Mama.

Robin McLin - July 28, 2017 at 04:36 PM

AW

I always remember my Aunt Sidder as a kind and loving person. What A beautiful example of a lung lasting, loving marriage that Bill and Donna showed the world. She will be missed. ❤️

Allison Wildman - July 30, 2017 at 05:30 PM