



## Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton

July 15, 1946 - November 21, 2018

Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton, 72 yrs., of Magnolia, AR passed away Wednesday, November 21st, at her home. Willie Bernetta Barrower Critton A beautifully spirited child was born on July 15, 1946 in Emerson, Arkansas to her parents Gussie Lee Ward and John "Booker" Barrower.

As a young child, Willie B. liked to play with her siblings and cousins, fix hair, and run track at McMitress High School where she graduated from in 1965.

This beautifully spirited child grew to become a "God Fearing" Young Lady. Willie met and married her first love, George Ray Critton, Sr. in 1965.

Together, they became glowing parents to 5 children: Christopher, Priscilla, Gwendolyn, George Jr., and Myra. As a family, the seven of them would spend their time enjoying each other's company and spending time with extended family at family get togethers, eating, laughing, and enjoying her delicious food. Knowing the value of education, Willie prided herself in nurturing and teaching her children. Aware of the need for education, she worked as an adult education teacher for some time. During her life she also worked as a cashier, cleaner, and cook, but her most prominent role was loving mother and grandmother.

Finding her purpose at a young age, Willie knew that she wanted to use her sweet voice to share her heavenly father's word. Her mission must have been to tell everyone that she met about the "Good News" of Christ. And that is

what she did.

With a passion for cooking, canning, and gardening, Willie loved preparing food for her family to enjoy. Oftentimes she would go beyond her family sharing food with extended family, friends, and neighbors. She had a giving heart and wanted to be a blessing to others.

From her youth Willie was a member of New Hope Church in Emerson Arkansas, Sweet Home Church in Emerson Arkansas. As an adult she was a member of St Mark's Baptist Church in Magnolia Arkansas, Free Union Church in Magnolia Arkansas, and had begun attending and enjoying the preaching, teaching, and fellowship of First Baptist Church in Magnolia Arkansas. She loved singing, praying, and teaching in church. At St Mark's Baptist Church, she would give her beautiful rendition of her favorite song, "Precious Lord."

Later in her life Willie had ailments that touched her body, but never touched her soul. She never let anything get in the way of spreading the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. She never met a stranger that she could not share the Gospel with, and she would often end her conversation with "Pray for the world, as I pray for you."

Although she made a lifetime of memories, for the people that knew her 72 years was too short. Her journey to Heaven was filled with Goodness, Grace, and Love. Now she is with the heavenly father, whom she loved so much. Sister Willie Critton took her father's hand on November 21, 2018 and was welcomed into his loving arms.

She was preceded by death by her Mother, Gussie Lee Ward Hatter; Father, John "Booker" Barrower, Sr., brothers; LeRoy Murray and Roy Lee Hatter, nephews; Jeremy Murray and Corey Dylan Charles.

She is survived by her brother; John Barrower ,Jr. (San Antonio, TX) sister

Tressie Lee Hatter of Prattville, AL, her brother Ray Charles Hatter, her two sons; Christopher Critton (Meleah) of Little Rock Arkansas and George Critton, Jr. of Magnolia Arkansas; her three daughters Priscilla Critton, Gwendolyn Critton, and Myra Collier (Ricky) all of Little Rock Arkansas and her nine grandchildren; Christopher (CJ), Jeremiah, Tyranni, Sarah, Ricky III, Marika, Jade, Skylar, and Amira.

Celebration of life will be held Friday November 30th, at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church in Magnolia, AR, with burial to follow in the New Hope Cemetery in Emerson, AR. Under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home LLC of Magnolia, AR. Officiant will be Pastor Brent Summerhill.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 12 Noon-4:30 at the funeral home.

Sign our online guestbook @rlreedfuneralhome.com

# Cemetery Details

**New Hope Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sharon Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Willie Bernetta Critton



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**Sharon Moore** - November 30, 2018 at 06:27 PM

PR

“ Peggy Rudd lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Willie Bernetta Critton



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**Peggy Rudd** - November 30, 2018 at 09:39 AM

OG

“ May God bless and comfort this family during this time of loss.

*Classmate*  
*Overnice Glover*

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**overnice Glover** - November 29, 2018 at 07:02 PM

LH

“ Praying for you all!



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**Lee Otis Henderson** - November 29, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton.*



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November 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *Alice Barrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Alice Barrow** - November 28, 2018 at 11:35 PM



“ *To Myra and the Family of the late Ms. Critton. I am so sorry for your loss. There is no hurt that God cannot heal. Keeping you lifted up in prayer. May continue to God Bless and keep you. Sister Mary Majors*

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**Mary Majors** - November 28, 2018 at 12:26 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton.*



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November 28, 2018 at 11:57 AM

MM

“ *Mary Majors lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Mary Majors** - November 28, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Sherry Marshall** - November 28, 2018 at 10:27 AM

CG

“ *Carol Garland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Carol Garland** - November 28, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ *Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Dearlean Hughes** - November 28, 2018 at 07:29 AM

GT

“ *My prayers are with the family and hoping all the memories you've shared will help you through these hours of grief. May God keep His loving and protective arms around you.*



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**Gracie W. Tucker** - November 27, 2018 at 10:51 PM

PA

“ *Paula Smith - Little Rock AR lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Paula Smith - Little Rock AR** - November 27, 2018 at 08:29 PM

TR

“ *Growing up, visiting Aunt Willie B.'s house was the highlight of my family's trips to Arkansas. Of course, I was excited to see and play with my cousins, and Aunt Willie B. would always have something good to eat at her house. I remember dancing to the Micheal Jackson "Thriller" video in her living room, and staying up late talking and listening to music. The noise and chaos of two extra kids in her house never seemed to bother her. She was always so welcoming. Her house was another place that felt like home to me.*

*I am so sorry for your loss, cousins. I hope one day you can feel more joy than pain when you think of her.*

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**Tresha Render** - November 27, 2018 at 03:59 PM

JW

*To my cousins, always remember your mothers beautiful smiles, her witiness, her laughter and the sweetest voice anyone could have. I love you all and am praying that God Bless you and keep his loving arms around you. With all my love, Cousin Joyce Ward*

**Joyce ward** - November 29, 2018 at 11:46 AM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



**Vevelyn Jackson** - November 27, 2018 at 02:17 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Biddle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



**Joyce Biddle** - November 27, 2018 at 12:27 PM

JB

*Prayers from the Biddle Family*

**Joyce Biddle** - November 27, 2018 at 11:28 AM

RB

“ *Praying for you and your family Myra Collier, during this time. Rose*



**Rose Bobo** - November 27, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ *Mary Calton Strickland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Mary Calton Strickland** - November 27, 2018 at 03:09 AM

MS

“ *Maurice & Yolanda Strong lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**maurice & yolanda strong** - November 27, 2018 at 12:07 AM

MG

“ *Michele Garland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Michele Garland** - November 26, 2018 at 10:27 PM

HJ

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*  
*Hellen Jones*

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**Hellen Jones** - November 26, 2018 at 08:38 PM

AC

“ April Colvin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton



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**April Colvin** - November 26, 2018 at 05:41 PM

MM

“ Praying for Comfort and Strength to the entire Family and Friends. Truly a Lovely and Kind Woman of God.

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**Mildred Williams Morgan** - November 26, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton



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**Sherry Marshall** - November 25, 2018 at 11:09 PM

MP

“ Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton



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**Mary S. Pickings** - November 25, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**Dearlean Hughes** - November 24, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ *Ms. Critton was a very loving person. I am very appreciative of her words of wisdom that she shared with me. Her children are my family. My heart is with you all during your time of sorrow.*  
*Camron Doss*



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**Camron Doss** - November 24, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Angela Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



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**angela wesley** - November 24, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *I was so heartbroken when I heard of Willie B passing. Praying strength for the family.*

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**Dianne Fields** - November 24, 2018 at 10:34 AM

NH

“ *Nichole Hawthorne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



**Nichole Hawthorne** - November 24, 2018 at 09:01 AM

NH

*Such a beautiful and sweet lady. My prayers go out to her family.*

**Nichole Hawthorne** - November 24, 2018 at 09:02 AM

SW

*I am going to miss my sweet, sweet, sweet Aunt Willie B. in my 46 years of life...she always showed me love and kindness!!!*

**Sandra Williams** - November 27, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willie Bernetta Critton*



**Dearlean Hughes** - November 24, 2018 at 08:21 AM