



Willie May Lance

May 15, 1933 - March 11, 2025

Willie May Lance, 91, of Bradford, Arkansas departed this life on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

She was born May 15, 1933 in Bradford, Arkansas to the late Ernie and Nellie Winchester. In 1950, she married the love of her life, Howard Lance. They spent 52 wonderful years together until his passing in 2002. During those years they welcomed three children, Phyllis (Dean) Stafford, David Lance, and Jeffery Lance.

Willie was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a devoted homemaker who took on the challenges of raising children and managing the home with joy. Willie loved being a mother and enjoyed all the neighborhood children coming to her house as well. Her favorite part of life was spending time with her children and grandchildren. Willie also enjoyed gardening and working in her flower beds when she was able. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by her children, Phyllis (Dean) Stafford, David Lance, and Jeffery Lance, her grandchildren, Jennifer Voelkerding, Jena Fulton, Destiny Lance, Tristen Lance, and Corey Lance, many great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, her siblings, Tina Hendershot and Marciel White, and a sister in law, Gail Roland.

In addition to her parents and beloved husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter in laws, Twilia P Lance and Lisa Lance, her siblings, Ellen Willis, Mary Schmale, Jean Richardson, Pat Winchester, Judge Winchester,

A.J. Winchester, and Goldman Winchester.

Willie May will be laid to rest next to her husband. No public services will be conducted.

Cremation arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia.

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“ Was one sweet lady. I spent many wonderful days and nights at her home. She always made me and other kids welcomed. Was also a terrific cook. I will always remember her and Howard. Prayers for Phyllis, David and Jeff and her other family. Love ya!.

Norma Birlson - March 13, 2025 at 12:46 AM

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Willie was a fantastic person ,cook ,aunt,an loved her laughher an always love kids an all other children

Katherine Loachridge - June 06, 2025 at 11:04 PM