



Willa Rae Wooding

June 23, 1939 - June 20, 2019

Willa Rae Wooding, age 79, of Forest City and formerly Manito, passed away at 12:00 AM on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born to the late William James and Fern (Miller) Hodgson in Pekin on June 23, 1939. She married H. Dean Wooding on April 19, 1964 at Calvary Baptist Church in Pekin, and he preceded her in death on December 17, 2000.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Gary, Orin, and Richard Hodgson.

Willa is survived by her children, Gregory (Jonni) Wooding and Kathy (John) Rogers, both of Topeka; grandchildren, Patrick Wooding and Devin (Kati) Wooding, both of Forest City, Andrew Rogers of Florence, CO, and Sierra Rogers of Manito; and four great-grandchildren.

In her earlier years, Willa was a member of both Sweet Adeline's and Melody Maids. She enjoyed canning, doing puzzles, reading romance novels, and she loved her big Yorkshire terrier, Bella. She was a current member of the Community United Methodist Church in Easton and a past member of the Community United Methodist Church in Manito. Willa was a processor at Herget National Bank, now Busey, for seven years, worked part time at American Distillery, was a homemaker, and a librarian at Forman Library for a number of years.

In honor of Willa, a Celebration of Life will be held on what would have been

her 80th birthday. Visitation will be held from 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito, with a Celebration of Life beginning at 3:00 PM. Pastor Allen Payne will officiate.

Memorial contributions in honor of Willa may be made to the COPD Foundation.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.hurleyfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito
301 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box #442
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-6157
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Celebration of Life

JUN **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willa Rae Wooding*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Terry and I are very sorry for your loss , she was a wonderful lady and neighbor to my Grandma Schimmelpfenning*

Staci & Terry Flanders - June 25, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *Steve And Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Willa Rae Wooding*



Steve and Kim Singley - June 23, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *John Sondag lit a candle in memory of Willa Rae Wooding*



John Sondag - June 23, 2019 at 12:40 AM



“ *Willa was my babysitter when I was young. I remember her making me as many bologna & cheese sandwiches that I could eat.. along with watching the Price is Right every day. Had the pleasure of catching up with her for a little while about 2 months ago. Wonderful lady and will be truly missed.*

Brody Bernshausen - June 21, 2019 at 05:17 PM



What a wonderful, enlightening, positive lady! I never remember her speaking a bad word about anybody or any thing. I'll always remember how well she treated Dean and his guest's. Always went out of her way to serve Dean and others, including myself, And Peaches, the dog drinking from her own coffee mug at the table. She was absolutely the type of person you want to be around, and her traits were passed onto her children and grandchildren. You are loved and missed, Willa! You are no longer a servant of this world, but a guest in the kingdom! Thank you for all of your hugs, food and great, kind memories!! You are loved, missed and remembered, my friend!

John Sondag - June 23, 2019 at 12:51 AM



“ *I can remember her letting Peaches the dog drink from a mug at the kitchen table, I think it was coffee. She was very patient when all of us neighbor kids hung out at her home, listening to the record player or playing kick the can. I'm sure she is with Dean now together in heaven.*



cindy wade - June 21, 2019 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Jody Smith lit a candle in memory of Willa Rae Wooding*



Jody Smith - June 20, 2019 at 07:16 PM