



Wilma Ann Swiney

April 2, 2014

Andover, Virginia

Wilma Ann Eldridge Swiney entered into the arms of God on April 2, 2014. Born in Harlan Kentucky on October 12, 1949 to Minnie and Alvin Eldridge, Wilma served as a loyal and loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

She served her God faithfully and with vigor, from being a missionary, singing for her Lord, raising money for the ministry, visiting and assisting the elderly to hosting youth groups in multiple areas across the United States. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

After raising her family Wilma returned to school to graduate in 1979 earning her diploma from Keokee High School. Wilma went on to receive her Underground Electrician Certification from Mountain Empire Community College this served her well and she was recognized as the state of Virginia's first woman underground electrician. She was a proud member of the United Mine Workers of America, working for East Over Mining in St. Paul Virginia. Later in her life she became a loyal employee to Walmart in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Department Head for Lawn and Garden. Wilma never met an unfamiliar face and loved working with the public.

Cooking was one of Wilma's favorite things to do. She reveled being able to cook a large meal and have all of her children and grandchildren running around and enjoying the wonderful food she was able to prepare for them.

She was an excellent cook.

Wilma Ann Eldridge Swiney was preceded in death by her father and mother, Alvin and Minnie Eldridge, and brother Bobby Eldridge. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Jessie Calvin Swiney, Jr., loving daughter Lisa Ann Swiney Pennington and husband Jeremy T. Pennington of Appalachia, Virginia, and loyal son Jessie Calvin Swiney III and wife Elaine Kelly Swiney of Appalachia, Virginia. Seven grandchildren, Jessica and Charlie Rogers, Tishia and Justin Bentley, Savannah & Jonathan Lambert, and Jessie Calvin Swiney IV and Kisha Archer Swiney, Jeremiah Pennington, Isaiah Pennington and Kilea Pennington. Wilma was blessed with 7 great grandchildren. Two loving sister: Joyce Stubbs of Piney Flats, TN and Shirley Wright of Piney Flats, TN and one brother, Don Eldridge of Connecticut.

The family will be receiving friends and family at Roy A. Green Funeral Home in Appalachia, Va. from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 4th, funeral services will take place at 8:00 pm with Brother Gary Swiney officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5th at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home at 10 a.m. for the procession to the cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jessie Calvin Swiney IV, Justin Swiney, Tim Swiney, Jeremy T. Pennington, Charlie Rogers and Jonathan Lambert.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

Big Stone Gap, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Roy A. Green Funeral Home
317 Kilbourne Ave.
Appalachia, VA 24216
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Service

APR 4. 8:00 PM (ET)

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APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens
Big Stone Gap, VA

Tribute Wall

MV

“ I remember telling Wilma to keep an eye on her next door neighbor. I did not realize she had married him until now. Wilma and I were friends in Andover. I am so sorry to learn of her passing. We had some fun times as teenagers growing up in a little town. I have many good memories of Wilma.
Best Wishes from an old friend,
Mary Lou (Smith) Vasconcellos
Annapolis, MD
4-20-17

Mary Lou (Smith) Vasconcellos - April 20, 2017 at 04:51 PM

HB

“ Haley Barnett lit a candle in memory of Wilma
Ann Swiney



haley barnett - November 28, 2016 at 11:47 AM

MB

“ Michael Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of
Wilma Ann Swiney



michael barnett - November 28, 2016 at 11:46 AM

JS

“ Jason Stipe lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ann Swiney



Jason Stipe - April 04, 2014 at 07:37 PM

GH

“ Geraldine Huff lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ann Swiney



Geraldine Huff - April 04, 2014 at 06:59 PM

GB

“ Glenda Bolinskey lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ann Swiney



Glenda Bolinskey - April 04, 2014 at 09:54 AM