



Rubbie O'Neal

May 17, 1946 - August 30, 2021

Rubbie M. O'Neal, 75, of Centralia, passed away peacefully Monday, August 30, 2021, at Carlyle Health Care Center.

Rubbie was born May 17, 1946, in Grenada, MS, the daughter of Levi Williams Sr. and Luberta (Dunn) Williams. She married Jesse O'Neal, Sr. in 1962 and they later divorced.

Rubbie is survived by her three children: Thelma Wooters and husband Roland "Patrick" Wooters, Sr. of Centralia, Jesse O'Neal Jr. of Centralia, and Wainatta "Juanita" Jackson of Charleston, ten grandchildren: Sharica O'Neal, Donteia O'Neal, Shajuana O'Neal, Roland Wooters, Jr., Shanika Jackson, Shauna Jackson, Sharesa Houser, Maya Carter, Richard Carter and Brodrick Wooters (Quita), ten great-grandchildren, twelve brothers and sisters: Flora Willis (Big Sister and Best Friend) of Centralia, Mary Williams of Grenada, MS, L. C. Williams of Grenada, MS, Earl Williams of Grenada, MS, Berta Offutt (Phillip) of Centralia, T. J. Williams (Josephine) of Grenada, MS, Minnie Mister (Monte) of Grenada, MS, James Henry Hubbard (Ernestine) of Grenada, MS, Calvin Hubbard of Grenada, MS, Patricia Tedford (Dale) of Grenada, MS, Kenny Willis of Grenada, MS, Dorothy O'Neal of Memphis, TN; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; Special friends: Delmar Hill, Nedra Johnson, and Sandy Crump.

Rubbie was preceded in death by her parents: Levi and Luberta Williams, Sr, infant son: Kerwin O'Neal, daughter: Brenda K. O'Neal, granddaughter: Tawatha "Wawa" Wooters, two brothers: Joel Williams and Levi "Lawyer"

Williams, Jr.

Rubbie had a heart of gold; she showed unconditional kindness. She never knew a stranger. She would give you the shirt off her back or her last dime. She was the neighborhood taxi driver; often driving neighbors and friends to their appointments, school, or the grocery store. She would feed you if you were hungry and she would take you in if you were down on your luck. She was the neighborhood babysitter; pretty much raised a lot of kids. She had a way with words that would make anyone laugh even if you were having a bad day; some would say she was a comedian. Rubbie enjoyed fishing. She would often say; I can't fish anymore because I'm too busy raising grandbabies. She enjoyed cooking (she made the best fried peach pies, sweet potato pies, custard pies, and lemon cakes). She enjoyed singing in church, playing Yahtzee, and watching her favorite tv shows. Most of all, Rubbie loved spending time with her family and friends. She was especially proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service for Rubbie M. O'Neal will be held Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 1:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Minister Benton Willis officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday morning from 11:00 am until the time of the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois, 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the O'Neal Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rubbie O'Neal*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - September 10, 2021 at 04:43 PM

PW

“ *Poopsie,*

You're the best mother-in-law a man could have. I will truly miss you.

Love, Pat



Patrick Wooters - September 16, 2021 at 10:37 PM

SO

“ POOPSIE MY POOPSIE ! WHERE DO I START ? ! I COULD WRITE A BOOK ON EVERYTHING AND EVERY MEMORY WE’VE SHARED BUT MY FAVORITE ONE OF ALL WAS KNOWING THAT Y O U WERE MY GRANNY. I REMEMBER AS A SMALL CHILD ALL THE LOVE AND DEDICATION YOU POURED INTO YOUR GRANDCHILDREN , ALWAYS HAD THE SWAN TRUCK COME TWICE A WEEK IF NOT MORE DEPENDING ON HOW WE ACTED LOL YOU HAD US ALL SO SPOILED NO KID WAS PLACED HIGHER THAN THE OTHER AND I APPRECIATE THAT ABOUT YOU ! YOU WERE SO UNIQUE AND ONE OF A KIND , GOD TOOK HIS TIME WITH YOU , HE KNEW WHEN YOUR EARTHLY DEED WAS DONE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE IMPACTED MANY LIVES OF FAMILY , FRIENDS AND STRANGERS ! YOU NEVER HESITATED TO LEND A HAND NO MATTER THE SITUATION. BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GENUINE LOVE I WILL FOREVER LOOK BACK AND SMILE IN KNOWING THAT MY GRANNY WAS THEE ABSOLUTE BEST ! IM GONNA MISS THOSE LEMON CAKES AND EATING THE REMAINING CAKE BATTER , IM GONNA MISS YOU TEACHING ME HOW TO PICK AND CLEAN GREENS , SNAP THE GREEN BEANS AND FILET A FISH. WE WENT EVERYWHERE TOGETHER — YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO DRIVE WHILE HITTING THE COUNTRY ROADS BACK AND FORTH TO SALEM LOL SO MUCH YOUVE INSTILLED IN IS WITHOUT SAYING TOO MUCH SPEAKS LOUD AND SHOWS THE TYPE OF WOMAN , MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER YOU WERE ; WITH THAT BEING SAID SUPERWAN IS REAL .. I SPENT 31 YEARS LOVING ONE 🤗 I KNOW YOURE REJOICING BEING REUNITED WITH BK AND UNCLE KERWIN ALONG WITH WAWA AND YOUR BROTHER AND UNCLE SO UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN POOPSIE HAVE THAT BIG BREAKFAST WITH BUTTER RICE AND LEMON CAKE WAITING FOR ME ❤️🕊️✨

#illAlwaysKeepYourNameAlive

SHAJUANA ONEAL - September 11, 2021 at 12:25 PM

SJ

“ My sweet loving Grandmother ❤️ You’re the reason I have the mouth I have today & my humor, 😂 the reason I love kids the way I do watching you give your motherly love to everyone you knew. God looked around his garden and found a empty space. Then he looked upon this earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. Gods garden must be BEAUTIFUL. He only takes the BEST. I will miss & love you ALWAYS 🌹 Love, Shanika, Hiram, & Hemi ❤️

Shanika Jackson - September 11, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MF

“ THELMA and PAT we are very sorry for your loss. --Mark and Lynn Featherling

Mark Featherling - September 11, 2021 at 09:26 AM

SJ

“ If I said I was okay I'd be lying because I'm more hurt than ever but I know god needed you more but me & Kimora miss you sm. Everyday Kimora talks about you & Brenda. Man granny I love you so much !



shauna jackson - September 10, 2021 at 09:43 PM

RI

“ My love goes out to my family and family friends who mourn the loss of my grandmother. ❤️ You will forever be missed grandma.

richard - September 10, 2021 at 07:47 PM

WA

“ *Mother... I WILL always love and miss you, always... always... always.. ALWAYS!!*

Wainatta - September 10, 2021 at 06:54 PM

MW

“ *Mattie Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Rubbie O'Neal*



Mattie Willis - September 10, 2021 at 02:38 PM

MW

“ *Mattie Willis lit a candle in memory of Rubbie O'Neal*



Mattie Willis - September 10, 2021 at 02:36 PM

KE

“ My dear one of a kind Aunt Rubbie . A very important person in my life. I remember when Meka and I would come and stay with her , Brenda & Jesse over the summer. She would play Yahtzee and smoke Winston cigarettes with her friend/next door neighbor , Nedra. I have soooo many memories to reflect on. . garage/yard sales with her and my granny , going to church and family get togethers . I absolutely loved her and loved the jokes and witty comebacks she would have for people. She definitely passed down her humor and way of joking to her kids and grandkids. I am so sad to know that one of the strongest women I have ever known will be gone from us , physically. However , it brings my heart great joy to know she’s crossed over where there is no pain , only happiness. Thank you for being a vital part of my village. You aided in raising and caring for ALL of us. I will forever keep you in my heart. I pray that you know how much I loved you. I will miss you deeply until we meet again. I love you , Aunt Rubbie . -Your great niece , Keke.

Keke - September 10, 2021 at 01:34 PM

TW

“ Thelma Ruth Wooters lit a candle in memory of Rubbie O'Neal



Thelma Ruth Wooters - September 09, 2021 at 11:29 PM

TW

Momma, I miss and love you so much.

Thelma Ruth Wooters - September 09, 2021 at 11:32 PM

LM

“ Deepest condolences to all of you. I worked with Rubbie at Littelfuse many years ago. She was a wonderful person and friend. Would give her a ride home sometimes and we would go out after work and have a drink once in awhile. Lost contact after Littlefuse but have often thought of her with fondness.

Sincerely, Linda Moergen

Linda Modrgen - September 09, 2021 at 01:54 PM

RW

“ I have too many memories with my granny to share. Although I'm devastated by the loss of my family's matriarch, I have so much content knowing she's in a better place. My granny is by far the funniest person I ever met, I know she is in Heaven cracking jokes with all the angels (including my sister and aunt Brenda). Rest peacefully my beautiful granny, you'll be missed.

Roland Wooters - September 08, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LT

“ Love, Thelma purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rubbie O'Neal.



Love, Thelma - September 07, 2021 at 05:59 PM

LP

“ Love, Pat purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rubbie O'Neal.



Love, Pat - September 07, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MW

“ My Sweet Auntie,
Oh how I'm going to miss you. I'm glad we shared so many great memories. Your compassion ran deep and you touched so many lives. You showed me and my children such unconditional love. I'm forever grateful. Until we see each other again. I Love you niece
Mattie Willis 🥹💔

Mattie Willis - September 02, 2021 at 09:56 PM