



Willie Louise Gabriel

November 27, 1928 - January 21, 2019

Willie O Gabriel, 90 formerly of Mooresville, NC passed away Monday, January 21, 2019 at an assisted living facility in Knightdale, NC.

She was survived by her husband of 70 years, James C Gabriel, her son Larry Gabriel and wife Ginger of Wendell, NC, and her grandson, Joshua Gabriel of Princeton, NC.

Even though she suffered from dementia for several years she still had her sense of humor and longed for the outdoors. Willie was known as an avid gardener of flowers and vegetables. She is now in heaven attending our Lord's gardens.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 22 at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Roger Wood officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern NC Chapter either by phone 800-272-3900, online or by mail at 5171 Glenwood Ave, Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gabriel family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Louise Gabriel*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Willie Louise Gabriel*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Willie Louise Gabriel*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JP

“ When Pat and I moved into our house in Mooresville, we had existing large flower gardens with very few plants. Yearly in the spring and during Willie's "garden thinning times" I would go to her gardens and bring home trunk loads of her precious thinned perennials. As a flower lover with little money to spend on flowers, this was heaven! I would beam as I looked at my flowering, thriving flower beds mostly provided by Willie. AND I would think often of her as I looked at the beloved plants that she had been happy to share with me. She would have much rather been inconvenienced waiting for someone to come pick and dig up her plants than to merely thin them and throw them out.

My boys loved visiting Jimmy and her and having Daisy "pin" them on the ground and lick their faces relentlessly.

I loved pulling up and seeing Willie taking off her gloves and talking to me with her ever-present "bonnet work hat" shading her face. Jimmy would come out and share stories of her (while she was off finding containers for me to put plants into or to gather produce with!).

Jimmy included stories of the time, I believe, when they saw a black bear on their property! I found this amazing! Also, how Willie used to be so annoyed by the ground hogs. She even saw one climbing her fruit trees once. I believe it was Willie who shot it down from the tree- through the open house window! I hope I'm remembering correctly. But whatever the case, I aspire to Willie's fortitude and love of the outdoors. Her obsession with gardening was contagious and it definitely helped "keep her young."

Willie meant a lot to our family and will be missed.

Jennifer Patrick - February 20, 2019 at 11:31 AM

PE

“ My absolute favorite memory of Willie happened over the phone. I called to talk with her and Jimmy answered. When I asked for her, he said she was out weed whacking. "But it's dark!", I replied. Jimmy answered, "Well, she had me put a headlight on the thing."

I loved her! She and Jimmy were grandparents for my kids when we first moved to North Carolina.

Pam Edwards - February 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM

LS

“ When I broke my back years ago I barely knew her but there stood Willie with A pecan pie freshly baked in her hands and a big smile on her face! She and Jimmy have been treasured friends since that day! Linda and Jerry Sammet

linda sammet - February 19, 2019 at 09:30 AM

RN

“ Willie was a very sweet lady. She could tell you all about how to plant almost any kind of plant and how to take care of them. We got lots of sweet potato plants from her.

RITA NEILL - January 26, 2019 at 02:48 PM