



Marlene Gwaltney

November 2, 2023 - November 14, 2023

Marlene Wilcoxson Gwaltney, age 74, passed away November 14, 2023, after a short illness. Daughter of Marlin and Mary Sue Wilcoxson of Walnut Ridge, she resided since 1974 in the Gorby Community of Calico Rock, Arkansas, on her much-loved Sassafras Hill Farms. Marlene was a graduate of Walnut Ridge High School, received a BA from the University of Arkansas, and a master's in accounting from Lyon College. She was united in marriage to Rickey Wayne Gwaltney on January 6, 1974. She was employed by Hayes Brothers Flooring in Calico Rock and Bowman and Associates CPAs in Mountain Home. After retirement, she continued to work with her late husband, Rickey, on their Bermuda hay farm. After Rickey's death in 2016, she continued producing hay for six years. She was an active member and Elder of the Calico Rock Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir.

Marlene was heavily involved in the quilting community. She was a member of the Hill 'n Hollow Quilters Guild for many years where she served as Treasurer, Audit Committee Member, and Chair of the Country Store for several of the bi-annual quilt shows in Mountain Home. She made many beautiful and treasured quilts for her family over the years, along with custom baby quilts for her new great-nieces and nephews as they came along. In 2006, Marlene joined a small group through the guild called "The Bias Bunch", and always looked forward to their quilting retreats held on the White River.

She was famous for hosting her November monthly meeting and preparing a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. She gifted friends and family with homemade goodies from garden, including her famous Jalapeno Pepper Jelly. Marlene was much loved and will be sorely missed by many.

Marlene is survived by one sister, Jana Wilcoxson, of the Gorby Community; one brother, Carey Wilcoxson and wife JoAnn Wilcoxson, of Farmington; five nieces, Jessica Wilcoxson, Sarah Wilcoxson Knight, Shelley Wilcoxson Vanderbush, Amanda Warden Klipfel and Maggie Fulmer; two nephews, Chris Warden and Michael Fulmer, and many other cousins, relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on November 27th at 1:00 pm at the Calico Rock Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with a reception immediately following the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian
1007 AR-56
Calico Rock, AR 72519

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I am sorry about the loss of Marlene. I have known her since shortly after they moved to Calico Rock. She was sweet, friendly person and I know she will be missed. I'm just glad I got to know her. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Joann Farmer Montgomery - November 27, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marlene Gwaltney.



November 20, 2023 at 11:12 AM

CA

“ I will always remember Marlene's smile & her kind spirit, & mostly our wonderful times of laughter together. I pray God's loving arms around the family giving them peace & comfort.
Carol & Donnie Allison

Carol Allison - November 20, 2023 at 11:04 AM

JJ

“ *Marlene was a dear friend and such a loving and giving person. My deepest condolences to Jana and Jessie and her family. I will miss her sunny smile and I cherish all the good times we had together. Rest in peace, my dear friend.*



Judith Jensen - November 19, 2023 at 01:39 PM

PB

“ *Ben and I were so sad to hear about Marlene ❤️ We are so sorry Jana and Carey and all your family. We will pray for comfort and strength during this sad time. So many great memories..... We are out of town at our daughters and will be gone and not able to attend the Memorial. You will be in our thoughts ❤️🙏❤️*

Pamela Bush - November 18, 2023 at 07:49 PM

MG

“ *I watched Marlene and her brother and sister grow up at First Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge. She sat with her family on about the third row on the side of the church opposite the sopranos in the choir! Marlene looked ethereal with her fair skin and white hair. She was always well behaved. Lost contact with her after I graduated in 1960. Wish I could have seen her and her brothers and sisters as they progressed through school. Marlene was always well mannered and had lovely manners. I wonder if she wished that ladies still wore hats to church---her mother always wore a really beautiful hat and looked chic, in spite of taking care of three children! marjorie schaefer goff*

Marjorie Goff - November 18, 2023 at 12:21 AM

SL

“ *She sure was a beautiful person.*

shirley long - November 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM

JH

“ *Marlene was a beautiful woman, both inside and out! She was my cousin-in-law, married to one of my all time favorite cousins. We'll all miss her, but she can join her best friend, who was also the love of her life.*

janet whaley hollis - November 17, 2023 at 06:15 PM