



## WILLODEAN STANLEY SALTER

January 29, 2026

Willodean Stanley Salter, 82, passed from this life to eternal peace with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 29, 2026. Willodean was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and even best friend to many. Her love will continue to touch generations of family and friends.

Willodean has been reunited with her parents, Rev. Earnest and Irene Hannah Stanley; her sister, Eulene Stanley Bishop; her niece, Denise Bishop Cobb; her great-nephew, Devan Cobb; her sister-in-law, Glenda Salter; and her in-laws, I.J. and Ardelia Salter. Willodean is survived by her beloved husband, James L. Salter. They celebrated over 64 years of marriage together. James loved and cared for Willodean so very much. They were true helpmates and honored the Lord. Willodean is also survived by her daughters, Lisa Salter Dickey and Kathy Salter Odom. Lisa's family includes husband, Chris Dickey, and children Jonathan and Rachel Dickey. Kathy's partner is Mark Zito, and her child is Alex H. Odom. Willodean is survived by her identical twin sister, Earnestine Stanley Williams, and brother-in-law, James Buddy Williams. Their daughters are Debbie Glasgow, husband Mike, and Sharon Brandstadt, husband Scott. Also surviving Willodean is her sister Eulene's family: her brother in-law, Kenneth Bishop; niece, Angela Bishop Ricketts; her husband, Tony; and nephew, Tim Cobb. Willodean's surviving brother, Johnny Earnest Stanley, his wife, Valoree, and children: Nikki Lide, husband Mark, and their

children; and Kevin Moss, wife Meredyth, and their family. Also surviving Willodean; her brother, David Dwaine Stanley, his wife, Janet, and their two daughters and families: Alyssa Whatley, son Cooper; Kaylen Melton, husband Daniel, and children Will and Hannah Irene. Willodean is also survived by her special brother-in-law, John A. Salter, and his children, Lisa McDonald, husband David, and Bo Crowder, wife Marty and their families.

Willodean was the second-born twin daughter and shared a strong bond with her identical twin sister, Earnestine. They dressed alike and stunned people who could not tell them apart. After graduating from Hueytown High School, Willodean married James Salter in 1961. She worked briefly at Liberty National Life Insurance in Birmingham. She lived almost all her life in the Hueytown area, except for time spent on base at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Florida, when James was stationed there. While James was aboard ship, she stayed with her parents and in-laws, I.J. and Ardelia Salter. Willodean and James raised two daughters. She was an exceptional mother to her girls, always helping with their activities and schoolwork, cooking, sewing, and raising them in church. In past years, summer family vacations were at the beach with as many family members as possible. Willodean had a gift for reaching out to others and forming lifelong friendships. Willodean loved gospel music, especially Gaither's Gospel specials. Even with failing eyesight, reading the Bible was her daily time with her Lord. Willodean was raised in a Christian home, and in 1965, she was baptized and joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. She was an active member and taught in GA's, Training Union, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School. In later years, when she could not attend in person, she enjoyed watching the services at home every Sunday morning. In the late 1980's, Willodean was a volunteer at UAB Hospital, working in the NICU with newborn babies. Only later did she understand God was using this training to help her care for her grandchild born prematurely. Willodean adored her grandchildren; they returned this love

in a sweet, caring way, knowing they had her heart for always. Willodean continually demonstrated her love and faith in her Lord. She had what the Bible calls true “child-like” faith. She learned by example what a servant’s heart was from her cherished mother, Irene, and applied these lessons in her own life. She loved greatly and was greatly loved in return.

Pallbearers will be Willodean’s nephews: Tony Ricketts, Rev. Mike Glasgow, Mark Lide, Kevin Moss, Daniel Melton, and Caden Geeslin. Donations may be made in Willodean’s memory to her church: Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 1343 Hueytown Road, AL 35023

The visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens, 3115 18th Bessemer, Al. 35020

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I love you Mama!* ”



Kathy - February 05 at 10:51 AM

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“ *Charlotte Dunlap Snow lit a candle in memory of WILLODEAN STANLEY SALTER* ”



Charlotte Dunlap Snow - February 04 at 10:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of WILLODEAN STANLEY SALTER.* ”



February 02 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Tammy, Mary (Magdalene) and Rex Holman purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of WILLODEAN STANLEY SALTER.* ”



Tammy, Mary (Magdalene) and Rex Holman - February 02 at 06:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of WILLODEAN STANLEY SALTER.*



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February 02 at 05:01 AM



“ *Your M4I Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of WILLODEAN STANLEY SALTER.*

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**Your M4I Family** - February 02 at 05:01 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of one of my dearest friends from childhood and as an adult. We had started talking on the phone and a few visits.that I am so thankful for. I loved this whole family. So many memories.*

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**Ann Massey Gasterland** - January 31 at 11:58 PM