#### Wanda Karnes Irwin

Age 87, a resident of Springdale, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Earlene Howard Hospice Home in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born February 24, 1930 in Cane Hill, Arkansas, the daughter of Stirman and Gladys D (Curtis) Karnes.

Wanda was a current member of the First United Methodist Church in Springdale, Arkansas. She had previously been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Springdale, Arkansas from 1960-1977 and Cane Hill Presbyterian Church from her childhood to 1960.

Wanda Karnes married James Clark Irwin on December 26, 1949. She graduated with her Bachelors of Business Education in 1951 from the University of Arkansas. She taught for a few years in the Prairie Grove School District before moving to Springdale with James who went to work for Tyson Foods.

Wanda and her husband, James, loved sports and seldom, if ever, missed a game their sons Jim and Clark were playing. They were especially proud when Jim and Clark played for the Arkansas Razorbacks, and have been big supporters of the Razorback Foundation for many years.

Wanda was a wonderful homemaker and loved having friends over for watching ballgames, playing bridge, and entertaining. Her bridge club and "lunch bunch" of many decades knew her to be an avid bridge player who sometimes helped teach others to play.

Wanda loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much and just recently spent time with all of them. She and James traveled nationally and internationally in their younger years and Wanda was so glad to have had that opportunity with him

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years James Clark Irwin, two brothers Curtis Karnes and Warren Karnes and two sisters Marguerite Deaton and Merril Brown.

Survivors include her three children James Stirman Irwin and wife Judy Showalter Irwin of Little Rock, Arkansas, Charles Clark Irwin and wife Georgi Spillman Irwin of Springdale, Arkansas and Paula Kay Irwin also of Springdale; her six grandchildren Jill Irwin Penick and husband Dr. Edward Moore Penick III, James Clark Irwin II and wife Megan Allen Irwin, Carrie Irwin Farrell and husband Joshua Scott Farrell and Lauren Irwin Iler and husband Blaine William Iler, Hannah Kay Herdlinger and Hailey Ann Herdlinger; her eight great-grandchildren Edward Moore Penick IV, Worthen Clark Penick, Catherine Irwin Penick, James Clark Irwin III, John Cole Irwin, Crew James Farrell, Kate Parker Farrell, and Brooklyn Elise Iler and one sister Allean Moore of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



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#### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas
online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com

# MOTHER LOVE

God surely knew the world would need
A gentle loving touch,

When the created mother love
That warms our hearts so much.

He must have known that children

Would need a guiding hand,

Someone who'd always be there

To care and understand.

God must have known our
hearts would need
A special kind of cheer
When the endowed a mother's face
With smiles that would endear.

Of all the gifts that God does send

From this heavenly realm above,

There is none that is more precious

Than that of mothers love.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Wanda Karnes Irwin

## DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Friday, September 1, 2017 - 1:00 P.M. Cane Hill Cemetery

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Gathering

Words of Grace & Greeting

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Romans 8:31-35,37-39; John 11:25-26

Homily

Rev. Andrew Thompson

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Mrs. Karen Chambers

Words of Committal

Benediction

Officiants:

Rev. Andrew Thompson Rev. Rodney Newman

#### MEMORIALS

First United Methodist Church 206 W Johnson Ave. - Springdale, AR 72764

Cane Hill Presbyterian Church 14293 S Hwy 45 - Cane Hill, AR 72717

Cane Hill Cemetery 14335 S Hwy 45 - Cane Hill, AR 72717



## God's Garden

God looked around his garden and the found an empty place,

the then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.

the put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering; He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

the saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thing".

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God ealled you home.

