



## Wilma Ruth Patterson

August 1, 1943 - February 22, 2024

Wilma Ruth Patterson went home to be with the lord on Thursday, February 22, 2024 while surrounded by her closest friends and family. Wilma fought a long and hard battle against her cancer until the Lord called her home.

Visitation will be Monday February 26, 2024 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM at Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville, AL. Funeral service on Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 11:00AM in the chapel. Burial to follow in Millstone Mountain Cemetery.

Wilma was a kind and caring mother, Mamo, wife, and friend; she was a treasure to know and a pleasure to love. Wilma worked for the Winston Co. Board of Education at the Lynn School for 31 1/2 years, she drove a school bus and worked in the lunchroom until retirement. Wilma loved traveling, and had seen almost all of the 50 states and Canada. While she loved being on the go she also took great pride in doing things on her farm and homestead, most of all she loved to be on her tractor, to can fruits and vegetables, and planting in her garden. Before getting sick she enjoyed playing piano every Sunday at Lynn Baptist Church and helping with various activities and Vacation Bible School. Wilma was one of the kindest women anyone could meet, she would make sure that any person had a warm meal and a listening ear any time, she was a friend to anyone in need. She was loving, kind, and genuine with every choice and decision she made. She took great pride in her

children and grandchildren and celebrated every achievement they made, made it a point to be there during good times and bad, regardless of her own battles. There was not a person in this small town that did not know and love Wilma because of her kind and giving nature.

Above all else, Wilma had a powerful faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. The life she lived was a beautiful testament to the relationship she had with the Lord. She was the perfect example of a strong Christian woman. She had a very strong belief system and knew exactly where she was going, home to be with the Lord and to see her dear husband, Paul. Everyone can rest assured that if anyone were to wake up in heaven, it is Wilma Patterson.

Wilma leaves behind a strong legacy and will be missed as a pinnacle of this community. While her loss will be felt and she will be grieved, she will also be remembered fondly; a lifetime of love, kindness, and mercy may never be forgotten.

Wilma will be met at Heaven's gates by her husband, Paul Patterson, Parents, Ganus and Hazel Wakefield; brother, Ralph Wakefield; and son-in-law Timothy Steele.

Left to cherish Wilma's memory include her daughters, Sandra (Dale) Benford, Janice (Bill) Stults and Patricia Steele; grandchildren, Steven (Kara) Benford, Baron (Brittney) Steele, Beau (Isabell) Stults and Dylan (Katelyn) Benford; great-grandchildren, Emma Benford, Halie Steele, Aiden Steele, Tristan Richardson, Isla Stults, Hazel Stults, and Maggie Stults; brothers, Donald (Becky) Wakefield and Roger (Frances) Wakefield; sisters-in-law, Kay Wakefield and Hattie Patterson; brother in law, Devan Overton; and a host of extended family and friends.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilma Ruth Patterson*



**Pinkard Funeral Home** - February 25, 2024 at 02:44 PM

CR

*Beautiful lady*

**Cookie Rosser** - February 25, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AB

*One of the kindest Godly woman I have ever known. A true friend. Prayers for the family 🙏*

**Andrea H. Barck** - February 27, 2024 at 01:04 PM

AD

*One of kindest people I have ever known. She always had that cheerful smile, even with a bus full of unruly kids. Very sweet lady!!*

**Andrea Garrison Dvorski** - March 26, 2024 at 07:50 PM

DM

*Willma was the BEST BUS DRIVER I ever had. She was sweet ,loving, kind, fair, rarely ever seen her with out a smile on her face. I had the opportunity twice after I left Lynn School to tell her how much I loved her and appreciated her. And let her know she WAS MY FAVORITE BUS DRIVER EVER I went to 7 different schools so I should know lol. My condolences to her children and grandchildren*

**Denise McQuarry** - May 04, 2024 at 07:37 PM

SS

“ Sharon Spangler lit a candle in memory of  
Wilma Ruth Patterson



Sharon D Spangler - February 25, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pinkard Funeral Home - February 25, 2024 at 02:39 PM

CR

“ Y'all are in our hearts and prayers David and  
Cookie Rosser



Cookie Rosser - February 24, 2024 at 09:59 PM

KP

“ *Kim Plunkett lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ruth Patterson*



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**Kim Plunkett** - February 24, 2024 at 08:28 PM

CR

“ *Carolyn Rasberry lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ruth Patterson*



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**Carolyn Rasberry** - February 24, 2024 at 05:17 PM

DC

“ *I can not remember a time I didn't know Wilma she always had a smile to share. May God be with the family that survived her. Precious family to the Lynn community. Debbie Little Conway*

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**Debbie Little Conway** - February 24, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LP

“ *Lana Page lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ruth Patterson*



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**Lana Page** - February 24, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JP

“ Rogerand Francis, and Family, I am sorry to hear about Ms. Patterson. We will keep you in our thoughts.  
Doug, Judy (Cagle), and Ren Pruett

Judy Pruett - February 24, 2024 at 09:25 AM

PL

“ My family & I were so very sad to hear of the passing of Wilma. We have known her & her family for so many years that they seem more like family than good friends. Our prayer is that God will keep HIS loving arms around her children, grandchildren, brothers, & others who knew & loved her. Her earthly vessel battled that terrible disease, cancer, for a long time, but now she is in her heavenly home with no more pain. Our thoughts & prayers will continue to be with her family during this difficult time. Wilma was a kind & gentle soul who will live on in the hearts of all who knew & loved her. ❤️🙏  
Peggy & Gary Little

Peggy & Gary Little - February 24, 2024 at 01:46 AM

SB

“ Stan Carol Bryan lit a candle in memory of  
Wilma Ruth Patterson



Stan & Carol Bryan - February 24, 2024 at 01:21 AM

JJ

“ MS. Wilma invited all her children's friends in her home as Family and I was blessed to be one of those. May God wrap his arms around this family during this time of need.

Joann Johnson - February 24, 2024 at 12:15 AM