



## Mrs. Willa Mae Barnes Morton

September 12, 1923 - March 16, 2015

Willa Mae Barnes Morton, 91, of Salisbury, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2015, at her home after a brief illness. Born in Thomasville, North Carolina on September 12, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Lindsay Alson Barnes and Ida Leona Hedrick Barnes

She was educated in the Davidson County School System and graduated from Thomasville Senior High School. Shortly after graduation, in she met and married Maynard Thompson Morton. They were married for fifty-five years until he died in August, 1996. They had one daughter.

She was employed with Carolina Underwear in Thomasville, and Rowan Industries in Rockwell as a floor supervisor for 36 years before retiring. After the death of her husband, she acquired a part-time job at Wal-Mart in Salisbury, at the age of 74, as a salesperson in the fabric and craft department. Here she was able to be with people she loved, and share with them her extraordinary knowledge of sewing, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint other crafts too numerous to mention. She retired from her job there at the age of 85.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Morton was preceded in death by two sisters: Mary Lindsay Barnes, and Vera Barnes Fritts, and one brother Vernon Alson Barnes.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Judith Morton Isenhour and husband, John; two grandchildren: Crystal Anne Barber Boyd and husband, Van; Joel Bryn Barber and wife Shelly; six great grandchildren: Mary Lindsaye Boyd, Daniel Thompson Boyd, Jonathan Avery Barber, Matthew Aaron Barber, Anna Kaaren Barber and Andrew Tyler Barber.

At her request there will be a private family graveside service and she will be buried beside her husband in Brookhill Memorial Gardens, Rockwell, North Carolina. Because of her love for her granddogs and great granddogs, memorials may be made to Faithful Friends Animal Sanctuary, Post Office Box 3097, Salisbury, North Carolina 28145-3097.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Morton family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneral.com](http://www.summersettfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Willa Mae's passing. She first came to work at Wal-Mart in my department, Domestic, before she moved over to Fabrics & Crafts. I trained her in my dept. and we got along great. Hated to see her leave my area, but she was great in Fabrics and she sometimes filled in for me during breaks. She was a sweet and talented lady. When I retired in Feb of 2006, Willa Mae made me a nice beach bag set. She knew I went to the beach as often as I could. I still have the bags and often carry my cell phone on the beach in the little bag she made for me. I thought a lot of her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all her family.

Sadie Phillips

Sadie Phillips - March 22, 2015 at 08:23 PM

JC

“ Enjoyed her baked items! Enjoyed listening to Crystal talk about her! Crystal loved her so much!

jane curlee - March 19, 2015 at 08:12 PM

LM

“ Lou Etta And Larry Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Willa Mae Barnes Morton



Lou Etta and Larry Morgan - March 19, 2015 at 11:50 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Willa. I worked at Wal-Mart with her several years and she was such a beautiful person . We shared many good times at work and she gave me so much help with sewing tips, and gave me so much material to sew things for my grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

*Mary Ann Lyerly- Doby*

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**Mary Ann Lyerly-Doby** - March 19, 2015 at 10:55 AM