



Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



Eunice "Willene" Hardy

December 19, 1943 ~ July 27, 2026





Eunice “Willene” Hardy

Eunice Willene Hardy, 82, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday, July 27, 2026, at the home of her daughter in Raytown, Missouri. She was born on December 19, 1943, in Sedalia, the daughter of Roma Richard Marshall and Eunice Odessa (Gray) Marshall, both of whom preceded her in death.

Willene was united in marriage to Ronald Lee Hardy in Sedalia. Through their union, they were blessed with three children. Ronald preceded her in death. Willene was later blessed with two additional children with Charles Clark.

Willene was a proud graduate of Lincoln-Hubbard High School, Class of 1962. She continued her education at State Fair Community College, where she earned an associate degree in Secretarial Administration. She began her career as a secretary at Town and Country Shoes. She later worked for Cook Book Publishers, Walmart, and The Salvation Army until her health no longer allowed her to continue working.

A lifelong and devoted member of Burns Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Willene faithfully served her church in many capacities. Throughout the years, she served as church secretary and treasurer, sang in the choir, served on the Usher Board, and remained an active member of the Mother Board. She was lovingly known by her church family as “First Sunday” and “Shero.”

Willene enjoyed scrapbooking, collecting Black figurines, watching Lifetime movies, and being actively involved in her church. Above all, she treasured her family and especially enjoyed spending time with them during holidays, family gatherings, and other special occasions. Her loving spirit, faithful service, and devotion to her family will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Willene is survived by her five children, Michele Jackson of Raytown, Missouri, Dana Loveless and her husband, James, of Raytown, Rhonda McLaren and her husband, Albert, of Oak Forest, Illinois, Tracy Pierce and her husband, Tyrece, of Sedalia, and Kevin Hardy and his significant other, Jennifer Wiseman, of Sedalia; three grandchildren, Brandon Franklin and his wife, Julie, Tyreel Hardy, and Diamond Loveless; fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; two brothers, Albert Marshall and his wife, Patricia, of Warner Robins, Georgia, and Charles Richard Marshall of Lawrence, Kansas; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Derek Jackson; a great-grandson, Tyree Hardy; three brothers, Thomas Wyatt, Clarence Marshall, and Loytus Marshall; and four sisters, Georgella Lyles, Mary Hill, June Jefferson, and Yvonne Jones.

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Burns Chapel Freewill Baptist Church

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Bishop Paul Jones

Special Music

“I Shall Wear A Golden Crown” Alice Kemp, soloist

“Over Yonder” - by Voices of Inspiration Choir

“When I Rose This Morning” - by voices of Inspiration Choir

Interment

Crown Hill Cemetery

Sedalia, MO

Pallbearers

Clarence Lyles, Terrell Willis, Tyrone Grant,

Tyrece Pierce, Devonte Poindexter, DeMichael Poindexter

Honorary Bearers

Nettie Jean King, Belva Morney,

Tina Boggess, Connie Washington,

Karen Parks, Zula Poindexter, Gail Barber