



Willa Jo Briscoe

February 6, 1939 - October 13, 2024

Ms. Willa “Jo” Briscoe, age 85, passed away Sunday, October 13, 2024 at Diversicare of Arab. Jo was born in Marshall County, Alabama and currently a resident of the Ruth Community. She was born February 6, 1939 the daughter of Elvin Lewis Hallmark and Pearl Odell Peterson. She was married to Travis Windell “Sonny” Briscoe who passed away in 2019. Jo worked providing childcare in local daycare establishments. She was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

In Jo’s younger years she enjoyed traveling and especially enjoyed visiting the Grand Canyon and the Smokey Mountains. She spent her leisure time gardening and watching soap operas. Jo also found time to read, usually books from her favorite author, Danielle Steel.

Jo is preceded in death by her husband, Sonny Briscoe; her parents, Elvin Hallmark and Pearl Moon; and son, Ricky Dickson.

Family members left behind to cherish their memories of Jo include her son and daughter in law, Travis and Nada Briscoe; her daughter and son in law, Sandra and Randy Handley. Survivors also include her grandchildren, Myles Bateman (Jessica Harris), Blake Hogan and Sharanna Bridges; great grandchild, Hayden Bridges; sister, Brenda Ledbetter.

Family, friends and others whose lives were touched by Jo are invited to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 to reminisce, grieve, support each other and, of course, just chat. Jo's funeral service, under the direction of Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, will follow beginning at 2:00 p.m. Brother Clint Maze, pastor of Pleasant Valley Church, will officiate. Pallbearers will be Myles Bateman, Blake Hogan, Lafero Ralph, Tony Ralph, James Willis, and John Speck. Burial will be in Mount Oak/Ruth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations to Caring Heart Outreach in Arab, Alabama.

Cemetery Details

Mount Oak/Ruth Cemetery

3375 Ruth Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

OCT 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ All of us at Terrace Lake Assisted Living loved “JoJo”. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We were just talking about her Friday wearing her beautiful Angel Wings last year for Halloween. Now she is an Angel sitting by her sweet husband and Jesus.



Robbie Mitchell - October 17, 2024 at 03:37 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willa Jo Briscoe.



October 15, 2024 at 08:20 PM

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“ Love, Kevin, Jen, and Grace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willa Jo Briscoe.

Love, Kevin, Jen, and Grace - October 15, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willa Jo Briscoe.*



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“ *My memories of Jo would likely fill a book. We had a lot of good times when we lived in Arab...from auctions to coffee breaks and from gardening to playing Rook EVERY weekend and I cannot leave out standing in line at Johnson's to get the latest Alabama football shirt. Many good memories*



Charlotte Curtis - October 14, 2024 at 07:12 PM