



Carolyn Stainton Whitten

December 14, 1914 - February 23, 2017

Our beloved aunt, Carolyn Stainton Whitten, died February 23, 2017 at Northview Care Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Memory Chapel with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Mark Anderson of First United Methodist Church of Laurel will officiate.

Carolyn was born in Union, Mississippi on December 14, 1914. She was the granddaughter of Lafayette and Mary Salter Stainton, and daughter of Edwin L. and Essie Pruitt Stainton. She was a lifelong resident of Laurel, having graduated from Laurel High School in 1935. Her working career included Masonite Clinic, Camp Shelby and Laurel Air Base during World War II, Gulf Oil Corporation for 13 years, and Civil Service for 20 years. She was married to Wilbur G. Whitten in 1941, who preceded her in death in 1958. She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church, active in United Methodist Women and Wesley Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her grandparents; her parents; her sister, Marjorie Stainton Runft; a beloved aunt, Alda V. Stainton; a great nephew, John Paul Cunningham; and a great niece, Marjorie Ann Cunningham.

She is survived by a brother, Edwin L. Stainton, Jr. and his family of Chatsworth, Georgia; a niece, Mary Eubanks Cunningham Davis; great nieces, Mary Kay Stickroth, Rene Cunningham, and Carolyn Lee; and great nephews William J. Cunningham, and Joseph Cunningham. Carolyn was also an aunt to numerous other nieces and nephews. She loved her family and her legacy of treasuring her family will continue throughout the generations.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Tribute Wall

JC

“ *She was the last of the Stainton family living in Laurel, MS and "a force of nature". She was my great-aunt and will certainly be missed. She was loved by us all not only for the good she did for so many, but for the love she showed her niece, my mother. She lived through WW1, The Great Depression, WW2, and everything else since. When she spoke she was never misunderstood :). We are truly going to miss you, Aunt Carrie but we'll meet again. You're now with the family and friends in heaven who've been waiting for you. Please tell Grandmom and everyone hello for us. We love you Aunt Carrie.*

Joe Cunningham - March 04, 2017 at 09:26 AM

SH

“ *I am so sad I didn't know of "Aunt Carrie" passing away. My favorite memories are when she introduced me to her great nieces and nephews Mary Kay, Rene, Bill, John and Joe. We would have so much fun playing at her house. She would fix us the best meals and treats. She would take us on exciting adventures to Lake Bounds, picnics at the park or to the movies. I will never forget I was spending the night with Mary Kay at Aunt Carrie's when we were shaken from our beds when the train derailed and the cars started exploding. We were all so scared. Although I'm sure she was scared too she did her best to try and keep us calm. Aunt Agga was a special part of those memories too. I am thankful and honored she accepted me as another niece. Rest in peace Aunt Carrie. Love to all of my "cousins", Mary Kay, Rene, Bill and Joe.*

Sandy K. Holifield - March 03, 2017 at 10:21 AM

EN

“ You will truly be missed Aunt Carrie. I am so sorry I couldn't make it to your service. I heard it was beautiful!

When I think of you I will always remember these things: Your great sense of fashion and style, your squash dressing and your pimento cheese (yum), as well as your infectious laugh. I will never forget your laugh and the way it lit up a room. Also, thank you for being so supportive to my Mom and her family while they were growing up. It means so much to me to know that she had you! I know you made a big impression on their lives and many others. You were much more than an Aunt and I hope you realized that! RIP in Heaven and please give John Ellis a big hug and kiss from us all. Until we meet again... Love, Elisabeth (great, great niece), Lucas and Baylis Naff

Elisabeth Naff - March 01, 2017 at 10:20 PM

EN

“ Elisabeth Naff lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stainton Whitten



Elisabeth Naff - March 01, 2017 at 10:06 PM



“ Carolyn was a true believer in the Christian faith. We read a devotion every morning from her United Methodist Church the Upper Room magazine. She will be truly missed. Rest in peace Carolyn.



Jeanette Manning - February 28, 2017 at 12:04 PM

JM

“ *I am missing a precious noble lady today. She filled my heart with love and laughter. She will always be in my thoughts. I love you Carolyn!* ”



Jeanette Manning - February 28, 2017 at 11:51 AM

RC

“Carolyn, my grandmother's sister, was a wonderful aunt to my mother, sisters, brothers, and me. Our earliest memories include our "Aunt Carrie". When my sisters, brothers, and I were children living in Maryland, Aunt Carrie would either send for us or come get us herself for the purpose of spending part of our summer vacation with her and our Great-Great-Aunt Agga (Alda Stainton). The fun we had those summers! Many a summer morning Aunt Carrie and Agga would pack a picnic basket and we would drive out to Lake Bounds in Clarke County. Visiting Lake Bounds goes back several generations in our family. Aunt Carrie, my grandmother, mother, sisters, brothers, and I all learned how to swim in the cold, spring-fed waters of Lake Bounds. My mother, brothers, sisters, and I as well as other family members still speak of those wonderful family memories.



Not only was Aunt Carrie a fun-loving person, but a great Southern cook as well. After moving to Mississippi in 1969, we ate many delicious meals while gathered around her table. This is a prayer she wrote for Thanksgiving in 2007 (When she was 93 years old):

"Lord, I am thankful for the abundance of life, health, joy, peace and rest that you have given me. I thank you for the precious ones gathered at my table. They are my life. Guide and protect them, Lord, in all ways, God bless this food of which we are about to partake and enjoy. May it nourish our bodies so that we may be better able to serve you. Thank you for all things. In Jesus name I pray, Amen." ,

*Thank you, Aunt Carrie, for all that you did for me and our family. You will be missed.
Love, Rene (Cunningham)*

Rene Cunningham - February 28, 2017 at 09:28 AM

JM

“ I am missing a precious noble lady today. She filled my heart with love and laughter. She will always be in my thoughts. I love you Carolyn.



Jeanette Manning - February 27, 2017 at 12:13 PM

TW

“ Theresa Weems purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Carolyn Stainton Whitten.

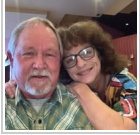


Theresa Weems - February 27, 2017 at 06:23 AM

DH

“ Mrs. Whitten was a neighbor of ours for many years and was a true treasure. She would relate funny stories of days gone by while she was in the work force. In the aftermath of Katrina, I was getting ready to leave Laurel heading to Jackson where electricity would keep me cool. I was clearing out our powerless refrigerator and came across a bottle of wine. Mrs. Whitten allowed that "she could take care of that for me". What a wonderful lady!!! I know there is sadness, but I also know there should be celebration for a wonderful life lived! Dennis and Kare Henley

Dennis Henley - February 24, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Carolyn. I guess my favorite is when all the workers at Northview started saying your Mother wants you or you need to check on your Mother. One day Carolyn asked what they were talking about, I told her they were calling her my Mother. She looked at me and said I would be honored to be your Mom. I loved her very much and when my Mother died she was there for me when I needed someone the most. After her 101st Birthday she asked me why she was still here. I told her the good lord keep her here to meet me! She always wanted to meet my Mom, and it never worked out. I hope they are meeting in Heaven and know how much I loved them!!!

Jan Townsend - February 24, 2017 at 06:52 PM