



Mrs. Gladys Juanita Sorrells

February 8, 1921 - May 19, 2020

Gladys Juanita Sorrells, formerly of Willow Springs, passed away May 19, 2020, while at the Lacoba Nursing Home in Monett, MO. She was born February 8, 1921 to Elmer Richard and Hannah Elizabeth (Chaney) Johnson in Willow Springs. She was 99 years old.

Juanita grew up and attended school in Willow Springs. She was the manager of the A&W Restaurant when it first opened in Willow Springs. She was also employed at Dillon's Store in Mountain Grove for several years, and later was a cashier at Kilpatric's/G&W Foods in Willow Springs for over 23 years. She married the love of her life, William H. "Bill" Sorrells, on November 8, 1941. Juanita and Bill enjoyed more than 75 years together, and to this union, two sons were born. She was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church until her health started to fail. When she was not at work, she loved to read. She read her Bible daily until she could no longer see to read, and it was said she wore her Bible completely out. Juanita also loved to read Amish romance novels. She was a great cook and excelled in making desserts such as German Chocolate cake. She also loved to make "comfort food" such as her "almost world-famous" chicken and dumplings. Juanita enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune on television as well as Judge Judy and The Price is Right. She will be dearly missed by her family, her friends, and all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters, and three

brothers.

Juanita is survived by her sons: Gary Sorrells and his wife, Carolyn of Monett, MO; Larry Sorrells and his wife, Ronda of Appleton City, MO; four grandchildren: Gary Sorrells, Jr. and his wife, Nixie of Springfield, Kelley McCaffrey of Monett, Brendan Sorrells and Hannah Sorrells, both of Warrensburg, MO; great grandchildren: Kamila and Fabiola Sanchez of Springfield; Alex Johnson and her husband, Ahmad of Grandview, MO, and Erin and Abby McCaffrey of Monett. She is further survived by a great-great granddaughter, Marley Johnson also of Grandview, MO.

The family requests anyone wishing to remember Juanita may do so by a donation to the Willow Springs Public Library, and they may be left at the funeral home.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at the Willow Springs City Cemetery. Pastor Larry Sorrells and Gary Sorrells will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Graveside Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery
State Rte DD
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Tribute Wall

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“ Garry and Carolyn, so sorry to read of your mothers passing. Juanita and Bill were both such very nice insurance clients of mine. Please accept my condolences and prayers to you both and your whole family. Your momma was such a dear sweet and special lady! In Christian love...Debby Talbert



Debby Talbert - May 21, 2020 at 01:18 PM

DC

“ Doll Cash lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Juanita Sorrells



Doll Cash - May 21, 2020 at 11:57 AM

NY

“ Gary & Carolyn,
So sorry for your loss. Juanita was a beautiful lady in all ways. I know u will miss her a great deal but she leaves such a legacy behind in you Gary, your brother & her grandchildren. I know you have such precious memories.

Netta Yardley - May 21, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ Larry & Family,
Sorry for your loss. Nearly 100 is most certainly longevity, but doesn't make your loss any less. Condolences to all of you. Sorrells is definitely a name associated with the Willow Springs community. I remember as a youngster, shopping at Kilpatric's with Mom and Dad. Bill and Juanita were always hard-working there, cordial, helpful and called everyone by their first name. I look back and I think Mom and Dad thought Kilpatric's was the only place to buy anything. Your parents always had a well maintained home on West Tenth Street. Years later, as I came on the board at WS Senior Housing, they still maintained a well kept apartment, were pleasant and didn't bother anyone. I think they still hold one of the records as being the longest placed tenants at the housing. Again, sorry for your loss. Your loss is definitely Heaven's gain. God Bless.

Tony R Duddridge - May 21, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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“ Juanita was the manager for Lyle James A&W when I worked there at first before being sold. She was a fun boss and hard worker

Linda white - May 20, 2020 at 10:11 PM