



Linda Wheatley

December 31, 1940 - June 17, 2023

Linda Smith Wheatley, 82, of Graceville, Florida, went home to be with the Lord and Savior on June 17, 2023, at Jackson Hospital. She was born in Camden, Tennessee on December 31, 1940, to Thomas and Theo Smith.

She grew up in Tennessee and was a graduate of Camden Central High School. After marrying Dick Wheatley, she and Dick moved to Florida in the late 60s. She attended Chipola College where she received her Associate of Arts Degree, Troy State University at Fort Rucker and received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Troy State University at Dothan and earned her master's degree in School Administration and graduated from Florida State University with her Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership. Her passion was always working with children. She worked for the Jackson County School Board for 31 years and after retirement, continued to work as a substitute teacher through 2018. She was awarded Teacher of the Year for Graceville Elementary School in 2004. She was an active member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and of the First United Methodist Church of Graceville where she served as the Children's Director and Sunday School Teacher for numerous years. She served as President of the Graceville Woman's Club and Garden Club.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Dick" French Wheatley, Jr., her parents, Thomas and Theo Smith, and sister, Marilyn Davis Bridges.

She is survived by her children, Richard French Wheatley, III (Samantha) and Stephanie Wheatley King (Christopher); Grandchildren, Lindsey Wheatley Potts (Kevin), Caroline King, Andrew Wheatley, Chandler King, Sam Seigle, and Cynthia Wheatley; Great Grandchildren, Ava Potts and Kara Potts.

She loved passionately and never met a soul that she did not pour love over. At the root of her heart was the desire to love you and tell you about Jesus. At the root of her heart lived Jesus and we rejoice in knowing she is living with Him today.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Graceville First United Methodist Church with Pastor Chris Franklin officiating. Burial will follow at Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Graceville First United Methodist Church.

Flowers will be accepted, or those wishing can make memorials to the First United Methodist Church P.O. Box 376 Graceville, FL 32440.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
1111 8th Avenue
Graceville, FL 32440

Home-going Service

JUN **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Time here on this earth this temporary home quickly passes. The days with little change turn into years gone by. There are distances between family and friends. Children grow up and move away. We begin to bury our loved ones and the time between losses becomes less. Our hearts harden to some things while at others life rips open new wounds. As healing begins, old pains resurface. We are reminded how fragile humanity is and cling to the loves we have. And then one day, memories are all that are left, as we too leave this world behind.

All that remains is the love you gave.

By S. Hicks

Mrs Wheatley is fondly remembered from my Graceville High School Nurse Days

Blessings of Comfort to all who loved and cherished her. Dr, Phyllis Garrett

Phyllis Garrett - June 22, 2023 at 03:25 PM

BV

“ Linda will be so missed by all who knew her ❤️ She was such a fun and loving lady! I am so happy I got to teach with her at GES. She was Brandon's kindergarten teacher and she made our move to Florida so much easier for him!

I am in GA-so I will have to miss the funeral-but all of you will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers-

Love, Brenda Vaughn

Brenda Vaughn - June 20, 2023 at 06:51 PM

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“ Cheryl and I always knew that Linda was the "Wind beneath Dick's wings". Our love to the family and all the many friends of Linda's.

Rev. Dan and Cheryl Rhodes - June 20, 2023 at 11:42 AM

DT

“ Linda was such a a great encourager thru the years for Brian, Jason and Kevin. Even after they were grown, she was always interested in what was going on in their lives. She will not be forgotten.

Don and Debbie Taylor - June 19, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Wheatley was one of the first people who welcomed me to Graceville in 1994. She loved teaching and was a mentor and friend.

Jeannie Barefield - June 19, 2023 at 07:36 PM