



## Elizabeth "Lib" Gudger Williamson

December 9, 1924 - August 30, 2015

Elizabeth "Lib" Gudger Williamson, age 90, died August 30, 2015 at her residence at Givens Estates Retirement Center.

She was born December 9, 1924 in Asheville, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Wilson Gudger of Trenton, TN and Vonno Lamar Gudger, Sr. of Asheville, NC. She attended Lee Edwards High School, graduating in the class of 1941. In 1945, she graduated from Salem College, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in English and was the May Day Maid-of-Honor. After graduating from Salem, she returned to Asheville and began helping with the war effort. She packed bandages and worked in medical records at the Battery Park Hotel. In addition, she worked as a receptionist for Henry Gaines, Architect.

She met William Bethell Williamson, III at his return from the War and they were married September 7, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother V. Lamar Gudger, Jr., her husband, William Bethell Williamson III, her son, William (Chip) B. Williamson IV, her grandson, William (Sonny) B. Williamson V, and granddaughter, Ruth Ann Busby. She is survived by her remaining children: Elizabeth Ellis Edney and her husband Merrell Greenwood Edney of Mars Hill; Carolyn Eugenia Busby and her husband James Michael Busby of Elgin, SC; Davidson Gudger Williamson and his wife Dionne Quintana Williamson of

Weaverville, and her daughter-in-law Melanie Nicholson Williamson. In addition, she is survived by her beloved grandchildren: Michael Busby (Vicki), Stephen Busby (Shannon), Elizabeth Edney Wagar (Chris), Merrell Greenwood Edney, Jr. (Jennifer), David Allen Busby and his fiancée Karen, Candace Williamson Wells (Keith), Mary Elizabeth Busby Rogers (Daniel), Dierdra Williamson Woodhouse (Paul), Denise Nicole Williamson and granddaughter-in-law, Chelsea Turnblom Williamson. In addition, she is survived by nine great-grandchildren: Luke Wagar, Matthew Wells, Clint Wagar, Teagan Wagar, Drew Wells, Benjamin Busby, Greenwood Edney III, Carolyn Rogers, and Colton Busby, and by several beloved nieces and nephews and her cousin, Charlotte Lunsford Berry.

A devoted Methodist, she was a life-long member of Central United Methodist Church, a Life Member of the Administrative Board of CUMC, a member of the Covenant Class and Grace Circle. She volunteered at the Church as a receptionist and was a member of the Stephen's Ministry.

Active in community groups, she was a member and past President of the Children's Welfare League, a member of Asheville Junior League, where she served as a Sustaining Advisor to the Board, a member of "Money Matters" Stock Club, and a member of the Town and Country Garden Club. At age 14 she and several friends were founding members of the Asheville Junior Assembly which remains vibrant today as a social club for young high school age girls.

After the children were raised, she worked part-time at Schley and Williamson Insurance Company, where her husband described her as his "secret weapon" because of her attention to detail and ability to work with customers.

She served for ten years as a one-to-one Hospice Volunteer, which she described as one of the most meaningful experiences of her life.

She cherished her childhood and college friends, the Last Resort and Good Time Girls, and her friends at Givens Estates.

A memorial service will be held in the Norma F. Pulliam Chapel of Givens Estates, Asheville, at 2:00PM on Saturday, September 12, 2015 with Dr. Robert Blackburn, Jr. officiating.

Immediately following the memorial service, the family will receive friends and visitors outside the Chapel.

Memorial gifts can be made to Central United Methodist Church Building Fund, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801 or CarePartners Hospice, PO Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Norma F. Pulliam Chapel in Asbury Commons of Givens Estate  
2360 Sweeten Creek Road  
Asheville, NC 28803  
<http://www.givensestates.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "Lib" Gudger Williamson

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Lib" Gudger Williamson.



September 13, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ Our condolences and we're sorry for your loss !  
The Troy "Butch" Gudger family

**BUTCH GUDGER** - September 06, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ Greenwood:

*You have great DNA and your mother meant a lot to many people.  
She found God's Purpose for her life.*

*I mailed you a personal note today.*

*Your friend,*

*Glenn w. Wilcox, Sr.*

**Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr.** - September 04, 2015 at 01:43 PM

RS

“ Lynn, Mike and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you gather to remember and celebrate the life of your mother and grandmother. May God grant her eternal rest and give you all comfort . What a wonderful, full life she had on earth! With love,  
Richard and Marianne

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**Richard and Marianne Stoddard** - September 03, 2015 at 08:29 PM

KA

What a wonderfully sweet person Lib was. I made friends with her when I came to Givens Estates and found a great friend in Lib. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and give you comfort in this time of grief. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Karen Adams

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**Karen Adams** - September 06, 2015 at 07:54 PM

SP

Our family has you in our thoughts and prayers. You mother was a great person. Nana was like a second mother to me. With all of our love Stom Peterson and family.

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**STOM PETERSON** - September 10, 2015 at 10:53 AM