



Juanita Melton Wilkerson

May 21, 1923 - October 29, 2020

Juanita Melton Wilkerson, 97, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2020, in the Western NC Baptist Home in Asheville, NC.

Mrs. Wilkerson, a lifelong resident of Asheville, was born in Buncombe County on May 21, 1923 to the late George and Lela Melton of Asheville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Read Wilkerson. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Wilkerson was preceded in death by three sisters, Ernestine Melton Buckner, Betty Melton Rice and Louise Melton Rice; and five brothers, James Andrew Melton, Robert Morris Melton, John Hilliard (Ras) Melton, Charles Eugene (Bud) Melton and Woodrow Wilson Melton.

Mrs. Wilkerson was a graduate of Grace High School and attended secretarial school in Asheville. She retired from Southern Bell Telephone Co., which is now AT&T after 30 years of service.

Mrs. Wilkerson was a lifetime member of Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church where she served as the church treasurer for over 30 years. She was also a member of the AT&T Pioneers.

Surviving Mrs. Wilkerson are many beloved nieces and nephews. The graveside service for Ms. Wilkerson will be held at 2:00pm, on Wednesday, November 4th at Lewis Memorial Park, 415 Beaverdam Road, Asheville, NC 28804.

The family of Mrs. Wilkerson would like to thank the staff of the WNC Baptist Home for the loving care they gave to Juanita during the years that she lived there.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church, 171 Beaverdam Rd, Asheville, NC 28804 or the WNC Baptist Home, 213 Richmond Hill Drive, Asheville, NC 28806.

Morris Funeral and Cremation Care is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Cemetery Details

Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita Melton Wilkerson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *My favorite Aunt Juanita story involved her, Betty, and Louise during WWII-Lela (Granny Melton) told them that could invite a few soldiers from the Oteen VA for a small get-together at ChezPaul's after hours, (Lela worked there as a salad chef-it was the most famous restaurant in Asheville.) Somehow word got out at the VA that there was a party at Chez Paul's. Two buses showed up and Juanita, Betty, and Louise were on hand with 6 Cokes and a tray of cookies!! They wound up turning on the radio and dancing into the wee hours--soldiers were just glad to be out of the hospital!*

Thank you, Aunt Juanita, for your years of loving and caring!

Beth Rice Jowers, niece

Beth Jowers - November 02, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Juanita was my boss in the assignment department at the Southern Bell building at 179 Woodfin St. She was very good to me and grateful to have known her. Judy Wolf*

Judy Wolf - October 30, 2020 at 08:26 PM

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Worked with Jaunita at AT&T later BellSouth and then again AT&T she worked in the assignment department and I worked in the Repair department and I have many fond memories of us laughing and having a good time together when it was always a hard worker and I enjoyed having a friendship with her and I'll be praying for your family thank you for

linda Culbertson - November 01, 2020 at 02:50 PM