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Willie Mae Gayle Wheaton was born at the family homestead in South Bexar County, on March 4, 1932, and went to be with our Lord and Savior on July 22, 2023, at the age of 91 years. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband William Frank Wheaton, her parents John Claude “Sparky” Gayle Sr. and Susie Ann Knight Gayle; her siblings Myrtle Belle Gayle and husband Aubrey A. McCrum, Alfred Collins Gayle and wife Rosena “Doll” Gayle, John Claude “Jake” Gayle, Jr. and wife Lou Ella “Wendy” Gayle, Sarah Catherine Gayle, Laura Sue Gayle and husband Willis J. Riggs and nephew Dr. Walter Lee Riggs. She is survived by her son William Aubrey Wheaton, daughter Cynthia A. “Cindy” Wheaton Mangum, her dear granddaughter Lindsay Nicole Mangum and her goddaughter Jennifer J. Willems; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, acquired family and dear friends.

She is also left in the memory of thousands of public-school students spanning the globe. Willie Mae was a firm believer that life should be celebrated.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Oak Island Cemetery Association.

Visitation will begin on Friday, August 4, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be celebrated on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Oak Island United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Oak Island Cemetery.

It was her wish that all attendees wear red in her honor.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oak Island United Methodist Church
2970 DeVilbiss
San Antonio, TX

Interment

AUG 5 (CT)

Oak Island Cemetery
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Ms Wheaton was one of our beloved residents who had a heart of gold. She was always worried about everyone else. Always there to help when someone needed. she is a beautiful person inside and out. we love you Ms Wheaton.... fly high with the angels.



April Ramirez - August 05, 2023 at 01:54 PM

PB

“ She was one of those people in my life that influenced my thinking in such a positive way. (well...for as much as you can influence a 2nd grader). As a family friend and my continued relationship with her, Mrs Wheaton was a guiding voice of reason and would not let me be anything except my full potential. Well done, Mrs Wheaton and Thank you! God Bless and Godspeed to your next classroom out there.

Phil Bearden - August 04, 2023 at 03:25 PM

AJ

“ I was so disappointed she was NOT my 3rd grade teacher! Thelma closed and I went to Pearce, and they gave me someone else. She was my sister Audra's favorite teacher, and my husband Jeff's. She was the first teacher he had at Southside, made him feel welcomed and at home. We called her Sweetie Wheatie behind her back. 😊. What a tremendous legacy she leaves. God rest her soul, her race was well and truly run.
~Arlene Kelland Johnson

Arlene Kelland Johnson - August 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM

KS

“ Mrs. Wheaton was a WONDERFUL Christian woman. I remember her BEAUTIFUL smile and WARM kindness. I KNOW you are walking the STREETS OF GOLD and I will see you there SOMEDAY!! 😭

Kathy Gibson Stanchfield - August 04, 2023 at 12:10 PM

JW

“ Mae was my God Mother, aka Grandma to me. She left an Enormous imprint on my heart and life. She has helped me be who I am today in so many ways. I will miss her dearly.

Jennifer Willems - August 04, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Gayle Wheaton.



August 04, 2023 at 09:23 AM

CG

“ Sincere condolences. She was my 3rd grade teacher and was the best! She always had a smile on her face. I was so happy that my husband , Daniel got to meet her since she was special to me. She is smiling down from heaven. Love you Mrs. Wheaton. You will be missed.

Crystal Lynn Gollihar - August 04, 2023 at 02:49 AM

NM

“ Willie Mae was married to my brother, Bill. I always thought of her as one of our sisters. She holds a very special and dear person. We loved her for who she was. She grew up in a home that eventually got a pump for a source of water in the kitchen. She told me that she and her family slept on the porch during warm evenings. She never shied away from helping on the ranch, with the cows, gardening, canning, and so on. She took our family on a tour of her church, the cemetery, and the community hall. She was so very proud of her church. God has gained a true Angel in Heaven. Our sympathies and prayers to family and friends!

Nancy Miller - August 03, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willie Mae Gayle Wheaton.

August 03, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Gayle Wheaton.



August 03, 2023 at 01:18 PM

CW

“ She was a beautiful, Christian lady who always had a smile. Loved her laugh.

Connie Waxler - August 03, 2023 at 12:50 PM

WW

“ Mrs. Wheaton was the best 3rd grade teacher! She challenged me to be the best I could be and inspired me to always be there for the other guy. I was blessed to be a teacher’s aid for her while in High School through FTA. Her love for her students - unmatched.

You will be missed, but I rejoice with you as you walk the streets of gold in the presence of your Savior.

Godspeed!

Wes Whatley - August 03, 2023 at 12:28 PM

CG

She was my 3rd grade teacher! She was the best and would always make sure her students understood what they were learning.

Crystal Lynn Gollihar - August 04, 2023 at 02:45 AM

KS

“ You were a great Aunt to me and always helpful in anyway I needed. You will be missed so very much. The celebration in Heaven to welcome you home must be great. Till we see you again, our love and thoughts of you will be with us. ❤️🌹❤️ Kay-Kay and Bud



Kay Simpkins - August 02, 2023 at 04:25 PM

CG

She was a wonderful person.

Crystal Lynn Gollihar - August 04, 2023 at 02:49 AM

PO

“ *Willa Mae was one of the sweetest, most caring lady I ever met. She came to Bible study and church service and often other activities at the nursing home. I loved our long visits in her room. She is greatly missed. All and Pat Owens*

Pat Owens - July 31, 2023 at 07:42 AM