

**Willis, Louida 'Big Mama' (Ross)**



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Louida Willis

Decatur ~ Louida "Big Mama" Willis, 95, went to be with our Lord Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, at the First Baptist Church of Decatur with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Pallbearers will include Russell Rosson, Devon Willis, Damon Willis, Rex Hoskins, Derrien Willis and Markel Lacy.

Big Mama was born May 10, 1926, to Roy and Mary (Minor) Ross Sr. in Oakwood. She was united in marriage in the early '50s to Eunice Lee Willis in Wise County. She was a nurse's aide for many years in the health industry. Big Mama was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands, Rass Hawkins, Tom Johnson and Eunice Lee Willis; three brothers; and five sisters. Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughters, Donna Williams of Decatur, Annie Dawson of Decatur and Kathy Stewart of Lubbock; her sons, Ray Russell and wife, Phyllis, of Decatur; her twins, Ronald Willis and wife, Cara, of Decatur and Donald Willis and

wife, Cindy, of Ponder; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; numerous extended family members; and a host of friends.