



Mrs. Mary Willis Mayes

August 17, 1922 - October 30, 2018

Mayes, Rev. Mary Willis Age 96, died peacefully at Park View Care Center, Buffalo, MN, on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. She previously resided at Cornerstone Assisted Living Center, Plymouth, MN for nearly five years. Survived by daughter, Jewell Ricaud "Ricki" Malerich (Allan), Buffalo, MN, and son Clifford Alton "Rusty" Mayes, Jr. (Brenda), Orono, MN. Grand-children are David Malerich, Chad Mayes (Sara), Brian Malerich (Rebecca), Melissa Talmo (Clint), and eight great-grandchildren. She also has extended family in Virginia and Texas. Preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Clifford Alton Mayes, Sr., parents Jewell Ricaud and Julia Sanders Willis, and four siblings. Mary was born in Georgia, raised in Virginia, and moved to Minnesota in 1956 with Cliff and their children. She was very involved in church and community activities, and worked for several years as an assistant buyer for Dayton's. Later in life, she enrolled at the University of Northern Illinois, where she graduated with a BA at age 58, then completed her Masters of Divinity at Garrett Seminary in Evanston, IL. During the next 20 years, Rev. Mayes served four churches in northwestern Illinois and seven churches in southern Minnesota. Mary was passionate and committed to her religion and to social issues. Those who knew her clearly understood her deep commitment to openness and equality. Her love for her congregations was only surpassed by her love for her family, who are indebted to the staffs at Park View and Cornerstone and to her church friends for their care and support. A celebration of her life will be held at Messiah United Methodist Church, 17805

County Road 6, Plymouth, MN on Tues., November 13th at 10:00 AM with visitation beginning one hour prior. A private interment will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Instead of flowers, memorials may be directed to Messiah UMC, Habitat for Humanity, or donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Messiah United Methodist Church
17805 County Road 6
Plymouth, MN

Church Service

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