



Barbara Ellen Willis (Mother of Debbie Tharp)

November 18, 1938 - September 19, 2020

Barbara Ellen (Blanton) Willis, 81, of Ironton passed away September 19, 2020 at The Sanctuary of Ohio Valley nursing home. The Scioto County native was born November 18, 1938, a daughter to the late Jimmy and Nannie (Vanhorn) Blanton. In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Willis.

Mrs. Willis was a 1955 graduate of Ironton High School. Barbara went on to work as a nursing aid at Ironton General Hospital. She was of the Baptist faith.

Barbara is survived by 4 daughters, Kathy Smith and Don Culbertson of Ironton, Deborah (Kerry) Tharp of Darlington, SC., Patricia (David) Simpson of Elizabethtown, KY and Suzette Brown and Paul Stammen of Sun City, Florida; sister, Stella Rawlins of Ironton; brother, Clarence Blanton of South Webster; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Barbara was preceded in death by son, John McClelland, Jr.; 4 brothers, Carl Blanton, Albert Blanton, Eubert Blanton and George Blanton

Graveside services will be 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Buckeye Cemetery with Bro. Jimmy Blanton officiating. Burial will immediately follow. Phillips Funeral Home, 1004 South 7th Street, Ironton, Ohio is honored to assist the family with arrangements. Condolences may be made online to the Willis family by visiting www.phillipsfuneralhome.net

Local arrangements are being handled by Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.