



Dorothy Mary Bassemer Willhoite

June 25, 1931 - May 14, 2007

Treasure Island, Florida- Dorothy Mary Bassemer Willhoite, 75, Treasure Island, died suddenly May 14, 2007, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident while traveling from her home in Treasure Island, Florida to Bella Vista, Arkansas on May 8. She will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered by family and friends. Mrs. Bassemer was born June 25, 1931 in Bald Knob, Arkansas, and was one of seven children of Henry and Cora Bogard. She met and married Billy Bassemer, also of Arkansas, shortly after WWII. They resided in Little Rock, Arkansas until the early 1950's when they moved to Anderson to be close to extended family. The couple had three daughters, Becky, Judy and Rhonda, who they lovingly raised in Anderson. Bill Bassemer passed away in 1984. Mrs. Bassemer was employed at Delco Remy Division of General Motors in Anderson for 30 years before retiring in 1991 to Bella Vista, Arkansas and then to Treasure Island, Florida. She fondly remembered the friends that she made while living and working in Anderson. While residing in Treasure Island, she co-operated the Flying High Jet Ski and Parasail business and was often seen admiring a beautiful sunset or watching the dolphins play off the dock at her waterside home. Her family wrote of her, ? Dorothy's kind and generous heart was an inspiration to her children and family. She loved family above all and was loved in return.? She is survived by her daughters: Judy & husband Jay James of Pendleton, Becky & husband Tom Pryor of Indianapolis and Rhonda & husband the late Joel Pitman of Anderson. Siblings: Mildred & husband Ralph Lee of Elwood, Darrell & wife

Sue Bogard of Elwood and Helen & husband Karl Glaze of Bald Knob, Arkansas. Five Grandchildren: Nicci & husband Bradd Burton of Kennard, Jasen DeHority of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Laine Pitman of Anderson and Sara Pryor & fiance Brendan Osean of Morristown, New Jersey. Two Great grandchildren: Braden & Chase Burton of Kennard. Several nieces and nephews. Special companion: Rich Barrett. She was preceded in death by her parents: Henry & Cora Higgs Bogard. First Husband: Billy B. Bassemer who passed away on April 26, 1984. Sisters: Dollie Long and Alma Farrish. Brother: Buddy Bogard. Granddaughter: Carrie James. Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation from 4-8:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2007 at the Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 1:00 PM, at the funeral home, at 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson with burial to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. Donations to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I'll try again. Sent a note on Sunday but it got lost. I wanted all of Dorothy's family to know that I thought she was a very special person. You could tell she cared most about family & have a lot of energy. She raised 3 fine girls and has lots of wonderful grandchildren whom she adored. I will miss her. Nancy Pryor

Nancy Pryor - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dorothy Mary Bassemer Willhoite

DICK & SUE PRYOR JR - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Becky, A dear part of our family. Hold on to you memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. When your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help. You are in our prayers. All our love, Dick, Penny and Aunt Bernice

George and Penny Whyde and Bernice Pryor - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Prayers to Becky and Family. Blessings..... Trina

Trina Jackson - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Becky and Family, May God hold you in the palm of His hand and comfort you with His everlasting love.

Vanessa & LaVonne - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Becky, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. Love, Rose*

Rose - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Dearest Becky, Tom & Family; We are sending all our love and much peace to you now and always. We are always here for you. Your forever friends, Amy & Jack*

America McAlpin & Jack Dusek - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM