



Oma Mae Willoughby

September 30, 1913 - February 15, 2013

Frankfort " Oma Mae Willoughby, 99, passed away Friday, February 15, 2013, at Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lexington, KY.

Services for Miss Willoughby will be 12:00 p.m. Monday, February 18, 2013, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Carlisle Cemetery, Carlisle, KY. Visitation will be at the funeral home Monday from 11:00 a.m. until the service.

She was born September 30, 1913, to the late R.C. and Nannie Sexton Willoughby in Powell County, KY. The family soon moved to Montgomery County, KY and stayed ten years, before moving to Nicholas County, KY which she considered her home until her parents died in 1971 and 1972.

She was a graduate of Morehead State University and did graduate work at The University of Kentucky. While at Morehead she was a member of a social club in her dormitory, the Y.W.C.A., and the English Majors Club. She also did some reporting for "The Trail Blazer," the school's newspaper at that time.

She was a long time employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, beginning in the Department of Welfare and retiring from the Department for Human Resources. In April, 1983, she was awarded a plaque in recognition of her forty two years of service, for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She was

subsequently designated a Kentucky Colonel. During forty two years of employment she worked in various geographical areas of the Commonwealth, but spent the last thirteen years in the department's central office in Frankfort.

While living in Frankfort she attended the First United Methodist Church and for a number of years did volunteer work in the church office. She was a member of the Women's Bible Anna Kavanaugh Sunday school class, the United Methodist Women and the Wesleyan Guild.

In addition to her current membership in the Morehead Alumni Association, the Kentucky Public Retirees, and the Ten-Ure Club, she was a former member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and work related such as the Kentucky Welfare Association.

She is survived by two nephews, Robert (Katherine) Willoughby, Buffalo, NY, and Stephen Kaenzig, Flemingsburg, KY; two nieces, Mary W. (Scott) Belyea, Ontario, Canada, and Janet Kaenzig, Lexington, KY; four great nieces and one great nephew.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, Ernest and William Willoughby; and two sisters, Lurley W. Sexauer and Nina W. Kaenzig.

Tribute Wall



“ *Oma Mae Willoughby*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *My condolences to Oma's family at their loss. I was sorry to hear of her passing. She was a very kind person. I used to work in maintenance when she lived on State Street in Frankfort. I waxed her Ford Taurus twice a year for many years. Frankfort will miss her in her yellow coat walking around the block looking at the flowers.*

Robert Cook - February 19, 2013 at 12:10 PM

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I have wondered for years where Oma was from and what happened to her . She was my first husbands boss at the welfare office in Corbin, Kentucky. I knew she was good like both of my parents were from the start when I met her. She advised my husband well and if he had listened to her and his mother , a good woman and my parents about his attraction to other women how wrong that was , we would still be married , today . He was 90 , June 5. I was 80 in December. She was a great lady in my opinion like my Mother . I don't think she ever married and she always, just drank water. I am trying to do more of that and less coffee. My Dad , Rowland W Moore , lived as long as she and my Mother almost 90. I was an only child. If I had to do over, I would follow in her footsteps and never marry and lived with my parents and not worried about a man. I tried marriage twice , but second husband drank and was not perfect either . I am alone . I have two children and three grandchildren . They are my life and I love them. I just hate to worry all the time. If they will follow the Church of Christ weekly and make sure they are in heaven . Next to my parents, Oma Willoughby was a fine example I ever met as a kind , thoughtful person of what a Christian should be to others. I was 17 when I married Russell L. Wagers and he was 27. He should have been honored to have me for a wife and a good job with her as a fine role model. She was an excellent role model. She did advise him. He wishes today , he had listened. I taught my first year of school in Carlisle , Ky. With the husband she advised , I divorced him there , finally, in Carlisle , Ky. I had no idea Oma was buried there until , today. She was a great lady whom I have admired as a fine example to all. God knows I hope to see Oma in heaven and tell her . God bless you , Oma.

Cheryl known as "Sherrie" Moore - June 22, 2024 at 07:54 AM

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“ My sympathy is with the family of Oma Willoughby at this time. I worked with Oma many years ago in the Division of Public Assistance. Oma was always very knowledgeable of agency policies and procedures. She was a true professional whose work impacted the lives of many poor families in our great Commonwealth. She was a true public servant. She has earned her wings and a place with Our Heavenly Father. May your pleasant memories of Oma be a comfort to you in the days ahead.

Larry Miller - February 17, 2013 at 03:56 PM