



Waville Baisden Dempsey

January 12, 1933 - December 8, 2020

Waville (Baisden) Dempsey, 87, a lifelong resident of the Lenore area, entered the presence of God on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. She passed away peacefully, in the comfort of her home, with her family by her side. She epitomized the roles of a devoted wife, loving mother, doting grandmother and great-grandmother, homemaker, teacher, and having steadfast Christian faith.

The second of 10 children born to Smith and Frankie (Evans) Baisden, she was born January 12, 1933, at the family home, in Lenore.

She married her beloved husband, Fred Dempsey, on June 29, 1950. They were together for 69 years until being separated by his death on June 6, 2019. Together, they raised their three children with an abundance of love, instilling in each of them a devotion to God, the value of family, and dedication to life's work.

Mrs. Dempsey earned her degree in education from Marshall College, what is today Marshall University, and later obtained her Master's. She would become a well-respected educator, following in the footsteps of her dad, who was a former teacher.

Mrs. Dempsey had the rather unique privilege of teaching her own family members. She counted her youngest daughter, three nephews, and several

grandchildren among her students throughout her career, yet favoritism was never demonstrated. As students in her classroom, everyone was among equals. Her soft-spoken manner, as well as extending respect to students and parents, she was endeared to all. Upon retirement in 1987, she had served the children of the Myrtle and Lenore areas for 37 years.

Mrs. Dempsey dedicated her life to God early on, holding tremendous faith throughout her life. Her brother-in-law and aunt were the founders of Parsley Bottom Free Will Baptist Church, in Lenore, and it was there she served as a faithful member her entire Christian life. Active in many facets of the church, among her notable roles were Sunday School teacher, former president of the Ladies Auxiliary, and assisting in the food pantry. She was beloved not only by members of her home church, but churches throughout the Tug Valley area, and was affectionally called "Sister Waville".

A consummate source of love and compassion, with a meaningful, sincere manner, and inimitable sweetness, she would remind her children, grandchildren, siblings, nephews, nieces, and friends that God was always near as an ever-present help. She regularly studied the Bible, which wasn't a mere collection of verses and stories, but rather a guide by which she patterned and lived her life.

Although physical ailments had recently claimed her mobility, and time cruelly began to rob her of memories, she maintained her sweet and kind nature, as well as her firm faith. Even as her health waned, she spoke of God's goodness and blessings in her life.

Through death we know she has been granted the fulfillment of the promise given to believers in Christ Jesus. Mrs. Dempsey has now been reunited in eternity with her dear parents, loving husband, Fred; and siblings, Harley "Bull" Baisden, Clayton "Cap" Baisden, Christine "Cricket" Whitt, and Greg

Baisden.

She is survived by her three loyal and cherished children, along with their spouses, all of whom provided her with abiding love and care: son, Rick Dempsey, and his wife, Sandra; daughters, Denne Newsome, and her husband, Thomas; and Joey Dempsey, and her husband, Paul; all of whom are residents of the Lenore area. She's also survived by her six grandchildren: Tommy Newsome, Russ Dempsey, Tonya Filek, Nikki Hinkle, Paul David Dempsey, and Amanda Dickey; as well as her 15 great-grandchildren: Ryder, Teague, Titus, Beatrice, and Porter Dempsey; Madelyn and Nate Hinkle; Tyler, Alyssa and Andrea Newsome; Ashton Filek, Cole and Callie Dempsey, Mason and Calvin Dickey.

Additional survivors include her sisters: Ivadenne Hatfield, of Williamson, WV; Eunice Ford, of Summit Station OH, and Virginia Parsons, of Barboursville, WV; brothers, Bill Baisden, of Lenore; and Guy Baisden, of Port Orange, FL; as well as ten adoring nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Dempsey's legacy of loving kindness has affected countless lives. Her humble heart extended grace toward others that will live on in the memories of those she impacted throughout her life's journey.

A private service will be held at Parsley Bottom Free Will Baptist Church under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home. Mrs. Dempsey will be laid to rest at Mountain View Memory Gardens, at Maher, WV.

While the family is grateful for prayers, they request no floral tributes be offered.

Previous Events

private service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parsley Bottom Freewill Baptist

WV-65

Lenore, WV 25676

(304) 475-3139

Tribute Wall



“ *Waville Baisden Dempsey*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Mrs. Dempsey was my teacher many years ago at Myrtle Elementary. I was saddened by her passing. I was not aware I also went to school with her children at Lenore High School, my condolences to each of you. The loss of a Mother is very great & difficult to live with each day. Know your comfort will be in memories.*

*Marjorie Dillon Caffrey
Welch WV*

Marjorie Dillon Caffrey - December 13, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *I loved Mrs. Dempsey as she was so kind to me as a first year teacher many years ago. I will always have a place in my heart for her and her sweet daughter, Joey. God bless you all. Lydia Estep Chafin*

Lydia Estep Chafin - December 11, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *So sorry for the family's loss ...this family was like my family we were all raised together my heart goes out to them all ...prayers ..*

Drema Colegrove - December 10, 2020 at 04:25 PM

RC

“ *Richard Curry lit a candle in memory of Waville Baisden Dempsey*



Richard Curry - December 09, 2020 at 08:19 PM

GW

“ *I was blessed to be in her class during my elementary school years. Mrs. Dempsey is the epitome of what a teacher should be. She was always loving and kind.*

Glendine May Willisms - December 09, 2020 at 06:11 PM

KD

“ *Mrs. Dempsey was always a very sweet person, and she was always a kind neighbor when I was growing up. Prayers for the family. She will be missed.*



Kristi Davis - December 09, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JB

“ Dear Joey, Sis, and Rick,
I was deeply saddened when the news came of Waville's passing.
My condolences to each of you.
At a sad time such as this, when words of comfort are needed, it
seems that's when they're most difficult to say. I do, however, want
you to know that even though hundreds of miles separate us, you're
in my special thoughts. And perhaps, in some small way, you'll even
find a bit comfort in knowing that others care, are thinking of you,
and share your sorrow with you.
Love
Jonell

jonell baisden - December 09, 2020 at 01:27 PM

BF

“ Dear Rick, Sis, and Joey,

Although I'm unable to be with you, I join the family during this time of mourning our beloved Waville.

She lived an exemplary life—an extraordinary example of what all of us should strive to be throughout our own lives. A woman of quiet strength lay beneath her petite frame and soft-spoken facade. She possessed great dignity, compassion, and kindheartedness, along with a forgiving and loving nature. Speaking with her, or through correspondence, she never failed in providing tremendous comfort to me, no matter how dire a situation may seem.

I was blessed to be in her class during my elementary school years. She not only provided academic guidance, but also spiritual direction throughout my life.

If ever there's a modern day sequel to the Bible, there'll surely be the Book of Waville within its covers.

*Sending all love!
Barry*

*Barry Baisden
Orlando, Florida*

Barry Baisden, Orlando, FL - December 09, 2020 at 12:18 PM

WK

“ *William Kozee lit a candle in memory of Waville Baisden Dempsey*



william kozee - December 09, 2020 at 11:52 AM

JO

“ *Truly a lady who fits the Bible profile of a. Virtuous woman not only can her children and grandchildren rise up and call her blessed but all who knew her pastor joaquine Ooten*

Joaquine Ooten - December 09, 2020 at 11:20 AM

BP

“ *I will never forget our work for the Lord. Together, we stayed busy doing various activities. Even when I visited her lately, she talked about visiting the “older members “ of the church. May God wrap each of the family members in his arms of love and comfort.*

Betty Parsley - December 09, 2020 at 11:15 AM

AS

“ *Prayers for all this family. Great memories*



AnnaMae Sartin - December 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM