



Willie Holland Smart

December 18, 1945 - September 2, 2025

Willie Holland Smart, 79, of Waco, Texas, passed away peacefully at a local hospital on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

She was born Willie Ray Johnson on December 18, 1945, to Jesse and Mary Evelyn Johnson. Willie lived a life full of love, family, and resilience. She was deeply cherished by those who knew her and leaves behind a legacy of strength, kindness, and devotion to her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jessie Johnson; mother, Mary Johnson; son, Freddy Holland Jr.; daughter, Marsha Holland; sister, Paulette Johnson; and granddaughter, Brittney Holland.

Willie is survived by her daughter, Sandra Tindall and husband Terry; sons, Travis Holland and wife Lee Ann, Bobby Holland, and Jeremy Lovell and wife Shanda; sisters, Wonell Spaulding and husband Jack, and Donna Isken; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will carry her memory forward.

Before moving into the nursing home in January, Willie lived with her grandson, Shawn Holland, and his wife Shannon, who graciously welcomed her into their family. The family also extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at The Brazos of Waco Nursing Home for their compassion and care.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Willie's life will be held on Saturday, September 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites Waco-South, 2501 Marketplace Drive, Waco, Texas, 76711. Light refreshments will be available.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation or the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA), in honor of Willie's memory.

She will be deeply missed, but her love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.