



## Willa Dean Ellison

March 16, 1934 - May 14, 2010

Willa Dean Ellison, age 76, of Newport, passed away Friday, May 14, 2010, at her home.

Willa Dean was a founded member of Bridgeport Freewill Baptist Church. She loved her church very much, and she always put it first. Before she became ill she loved to cook, and enjoyed cooking for everyone. The Ellison's owned and operated Ellison's Grocery in the Irish Cutt Community for 23 years. She sang with the Happy Harmony Trio for 10 years, singing in many local churches and surrounding areas. She will be sadly missed by her family and church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Renner; mother, Pauline Poe Renner; brothers, Robert (Bob) C. Renner, Robert Poe and special aunt, Anna Huff and her husband Delmer Huff.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years in August, William Matthew Ellison; son Michael Ellison and wife Brenda, of Newport; daughter, Rita Ann Ball and husband Billy Dale, of Newport, Debra Kay Hurst and husband Carl of Newport; sisters-in-law, Theda Renner of Newport and Ann Poe of Colorado; grandchildren, Buffy Ball Wilds and husband Dale, Jennifer Hartsell Cocco and Jonathan Hartsell and wife Crystal; great grandchildren, Megan Wilds, Amber Wilds, Allison Hartsell and Natalie Cocco; also several nieces and nephews; and special friends Scottie Derry, Ruth Whitlock and Wanda Southerland all of Newport.

Funeral services will be held 8:00 pm Sunday, May 16, 2010 in Manes Funeral

Home Chapel, with Rev. Billy Ball, Rev. Hal Kirk and Rev. Mike Sutton officiating. Burial will be 11:00 am, Monday, May 17, 2010 in Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5-8 pm Sunday at Manes Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willa Dean Ellison*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Dean she was like part of our family. I will miss greatly but she is at home now with alot of our lost loved one my prayers are with the family.*

**susan davis** - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rita and Buffy, Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know your hearts are broken. Family means so much to both of you. You both are fortunate to have had such a good mother and grandmother. You both have the Lord and He will comfort y*

**Sharleen Sane** - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Willa Dean Ellison*

**wayne and teresa pierce** - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rita and Family, So sorry to learn of your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

**Kim Gregg** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Rita And family, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May God help you through this difficult time. Love, Jaclyn

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**Jaclyn Smith-pack** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Willa Dean Ellison

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**Linda D Clark** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am sorry I was out of town and couldn't be at the visitation. I want you all to know that I am deeply sorry for your loss and pray that God will give comfort to each and every one of you. I have never met anyone quite like Dean. I have so many wonder

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**Karen Turner Hurst** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dean was a wonderful lady!!

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**Debbie Rollins Greene** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I'm going to miss my Aunt Dean, I always looked forward to seeing you all when Dad would bring us back to Newport. I loved to drink my RC and peanuts on the porch of her store. Love Rodney

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**Rodney Poe** - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Rita and family, we are so sorry to hear about your Mom. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Nanette & Parker Wilds** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are so sorry, know God in his wisdom will comfort you. Jack & Carol Clark

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**JAck& Carol Clark** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Willa Dean Ellison

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**Danny and Gwen Dover** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ It's hard to put into words what your Mom meant to me. She was a strong christian woman who loved the Lord and it showed in all she did for others, including me. I love her and will miss her very much.

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**Brenda Gardner** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Reba and Dennis called me to let me know about the untimely death of your precious Mother. I just want to send my condolences to your Daddy and all of you. I hope Dean knew how much Reba and I appreciated all she did for our Mother while she was still I

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**Cheryl Hannah Capps** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WM

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**Wendy Morriss** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JK

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**Janey Clevenger Kinser** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Rita, Debbie and Mike I am sorry to hear about your Mom. She is going to be missed by many but I am sure she is much better off now, no more sickness or pain. Shes in heaven with her Lord and Savior having a great time, walking the streets of gold and wis

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**Ammie Campbbell** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Willa Dean Ellison

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**David and Louella Estep** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I am going to miss Willadean very much. I would hope to be the kind of person Willadean was to everyone. She always gave never expecting anything in return. I will remember all my childhood memories with Willadean. Especially the trips we took to Long Jo

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**JOHN R. TURNER** - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember her from when I was a little girl. She was always such a sweet lady.

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**Michelle Crum Holloway** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Rita and family, I am so sorry about your mother, but you know she is in a better place now. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Jamie

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**Jamie Cody, Lindsey and Cody Naillon** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Rita, Sorry to hear about your Mother's passing. You will be in our prayers.

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**Becky Lane** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dean was the sweetest,kindest person I've ever known, she was an inspiration to me, you could not help but love her. I send my deepest sympathy to her family, and all who loved her, she will be missed.

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**Linda Turner, Albritton** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Rita, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you.

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**Missy White Ottinger** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ From Lorretta, and children. A monetary donation has been made to the missionaries in honor of willa Dean in loo of flowers. We all loved her very much.

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**Lorretta Turner** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ May God Bless you in great time of need. Judy Daughter of Bertha Berryhill Phone 423-787-0094.

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**Judy Livingston** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We know it is so hard to lose a wife and mother. As hard as this is for all of you I know you find comfort in knowing she is at home where she is free from sickness and pain. May all of your tears turn to smiles as you reme

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**Shirley Willis** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I wish that I could be there at the funeral, but I could not get off work to come. I will be thinking of you all and praying for you during this time of sorrow. I will certainly miss dean, but am grateful for all the memories I have of the good times I

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**Dolores Fraley** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Willa Dean Ellison

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**Steve & Teresa Stinnett Strom** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ God Bless you in your time of sorrow.

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**Jerry w Phillips** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I am so sorry that I can't be there for visitation. Please know that I love her deeply and share your heartache. I will miss her sweet smile. I know that she is happy now, but that doesn't lessen the heartache. You are all in my prayers.

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**Cathy Jones** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Willa Dean Ellison*

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**Christine Click Smith** - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My Deepest Sympathy. Love & Prayers. Christine*

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