



## Willodean "Dean" Martin Crawford

March 22, 1935 - September 29, 2024

Willodean "Dean" Martin Crawford, 89, wife of the late William Elijah Crawford, passed away September 29, 2024.

Born in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, daughter of the late Christopher Columbus and Beulah Smith Martin, she was a retired employee of Belk and a retired co-worker of Crawford Saw Tool & Cutter Grinder, Inc. Mrs. Crawford was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church where she served faithfully for over 55 years.

Willodean and her husband met in Detroit, Michigan on a blind date at a singing in church and were married twelve weeks later in 1955, they were married 65 years prior to his passing.

Surviving are her children, James Allen Crawford (Jennie) of Williamston, South Carolina and Nancy Crawford Black of the home; one brother, Donald Joel Martin of Michigan; two sisters, Naomi Jewell Kelly of High Point, North Carolina and Cathy Thiede of Michigan; four grandchildren, Melissa Jean Holliday (Derrick), Erick Crawford Black (Colette), Hannah Crawford Templeton (Brian Mueller), and Jesse Allen Crawford (Megan); and eight great-grandchildren, Elijah Jordan Black, Andrew Sean Holliday, Savannah Nicole Black, Aiden Perry Holliday, Avery Rose Crawford, Peyton Foy Templeton, Camden James Crawford, and Samuel Lee Templeton IV (TJ).

A cryptside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 4, 2024, at Hillcrest Memory Gardens Mausoleum conducted by Rev. James Smith.

Visitation will be held after the service at the cryptside.

The family will be at the home.

The family would like to thank the employees of Interim Hospice, who made the last part of her journey much more peaceful and for their dedication and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church, 111 Biblebrook Drive, Greer, South Carolina 29651.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memory Gardens Mausoleum

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Cryptside Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Angie AshmoreKruise lit a candle in memory of Willodean Crawford



Angie AshmoreKruise - October 03, 2024 at 07:11 AM

JH

“ Nancy so sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. Will be praying for you and the family.



Jo Ann Howell - October 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM

KP

“ Kayla P. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Willodean "Dean" Martin Crawford.



Kayla P. - October 01, 2024 at 09:39 PM

DP

“ Debra N Ponder lit a candle in memory of Willodean Crawford



Debra N Ponder - October 01, 2024 at 08:08 PM