



Mary Ann Williford

February 28, 1945 - April 21, 2026

Funeral services for Mary Ann Williford, age 81 of Tyler, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2026, at ChristPoint Methodist Church in Lindale, Texas with Pastor Jason Teague officiating. Interment will follow at Lindale City Cemetery.

Mary Ann passed away peacefully the morning of April 21, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love she had given so freely throughout her life. She was born February 28, 1945, in Schulenberg, Texas to the late August Henry and Marie Emma (Peterson) Weiss.

Mary Ann never met a calculus problem she couldn't work through, a family gathering she couldn't fill with love and laughter, or a moment she couldn't lift up in prayer. For 81 years, she put her heart into the things she cared about most: teaching, loving her family and friends, and walking faithfully with Jesus Christ.

Whether she was helping students understand calculus, hosting family lunches with her taco salad, or quietly praying, Mary Ann lived a life full of love and dedication.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a proud daughter and sister, a caring aunt, a proud grandmother, and a joyful great-grandmother, a faithful friend, and a well-loved teacher. She carried each of those roles with a steady, simple love that showed in everything she did.

While Mary Ann loved her career, family, friends, and church, her true love was Jesus Christ. Whether it was leading a Bible study group, faithfully

praying for others, taking part in acts of service, or a simple phone call to say hello, Mary Ann represented Christ in all that she did. Her love was evident to all.

She leaves behind her children, Jan Simmons and Jeff Williford, son-in-law Brady Simmons, daughter-in-law Andreia Williford, grandchildren Mary, Anna, Caden, Levi, and Lewis Simmons, August and Isabella Williford, and great-grandson Jeriah James Simmons; her sister Patricia Purl; her niece and nephews; and many dear friends who will carry forward her faith, her love, and her gift for bringing people together. Serving as pallbearers will be Steven Purl, Todd Purl, August Williford, Caden Simmons, Lewis Simmons, Neal Williams, and Scott Cassel.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2026, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you remember Mary Ann by either making a donation to ChristPoint Methodist Church in Lindale at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4RD/home>, or by doing something she loved: gathering with your family, sharing a meal (taco salad encouraged), and enjoying time together.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Funeral Service

APR **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

ChristPoint Methodist Church-Lindale
402 W Hubbard St
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-8506

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Williford*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - April 22 at 06:19 PM

PE

“ *Mary Ann was one of the kindest people I've ever met. We taught together at Brook Hill and she was my daughter's advisor and teacher. What a true gem of a human. Heaven gained a precious soul.*

Patti Eden - April 26 at 07:27 PM

NT

“ *Nathan & Kate Siems. Sam & Ashley Turner purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary Ann Williford.*



Nathan & Kate Siems. Sam & Ashley Turner - April 24 at 03:23 PM

NT

“ *Nathan & Kate Siems. Sam & Ashley Turner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Williford.*

Nathan & Kate Siems. Sam & Ashley Turner - April 24 at 03:23 PM

CC

“ Catherine C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Williford.

Catherine C. - April 23 at 06:26 PM

TD

“ TxDOT- Tyler District purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ann Williford.



TxDOT- Tyler District - April 23 at 04:37 PM

JF

“ Jim&Agnes Sebesta & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Ann Williford.



Jim&Agnes Sebesta & Family - April 23 at 12:11 PM

JF

“ Jim&Agnes Sebesta & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Williford.

Jim&Agnes Sebesta & Family - April 23 at 12:11 PM

SE

“ Mrs. Williford was my high school math teacher and always had an iconic saying of "Are you following me?" I'm not going to lie, usually I was confused so I wasn't following her! Haha. Years later, her daughter in law Andreia & I became coworkers and I would stay updated about her life. She left a beautiful legacy behind and is now with her Lord & Savior! My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this time.

Sage Ervin - April 23 at 09:26 AM

LZ

“ Lara Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Williford.

Lara Z. - April 23 at 09:13 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Williford.



April 23 at 02:57 AM



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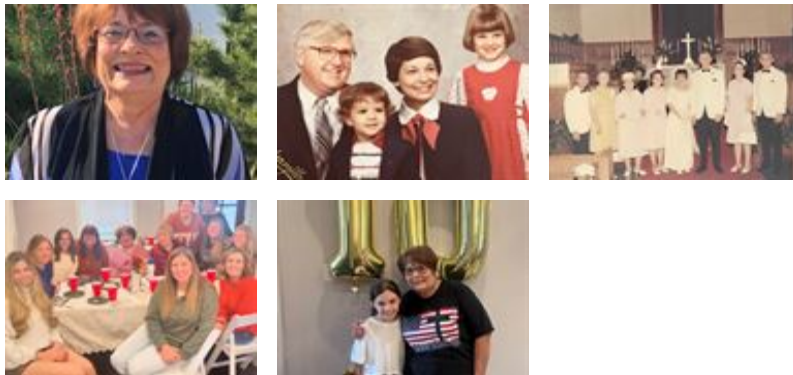
CA

“ She was beloved by all. I never saw her that she didn't brighten my day. She was one of the most genuine persons I have ever had the absolute pleasure of knowing. She loved the Lord, the scriptures (and could quote them with ease), her family and our church family. She was a great teacher, singer, encourager, and friend. So grateful for the privilege of knowing her. She is now without pain and rejoicing with the heavenly host. My thoughts and prayers for her family. Chip Arnold

Charles “Chip” Arnold - April 22 at 10:18 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - April 22 at 06:05 PM

LA

“ Living Alternatives purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mary Ann Williford.



Living Alternatives - April 22 at 02:08 PM

DK

“ To all of Mary Ann’s sweet family including Pat her dear sister, you are in my thoughts and prayers as you navigate these new waters without your mom grandmother and sister. May your memories bring you joy and your faith give you comfort and peace.



Donna Kolkhorst Kelling - April 22 at 01:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Williford.



April 22 at 01:07 PM

BF

“ Mary Ann was a true servant to everyone. She always made you feel seen and heard. She did make a mean taco salad. I will miss her smile, her prayers, her voice, and her presence. Prayers for you all during your time of grief. She is Dancing with the angels!!



Becky Foote - April 22 at 12:57 PM

CG

Mary Ann was a close friend and we went to BHS together. She was a great lady.

Clarence Gerke - April 22 at 05:35 PM