



Madeline Akins Poe

May 9, 1941 - August 17, 2021

****Celebration of Life Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, September 19th at Wesley's Chapel United Methodist Church****

Madeline Carolyn Akins Poe was born May 9, 1941, in DeKalb County, AL, not far from her home of 60 years. She joined Christ in Heaven in the early morning hours of August 17, 2021. Madeline was the eldest daughter of Robert and Annie Akins, followed by her sisters Linda, Edith, Mary Louise and Juanita and brothers, Edwin, David and Alfred. Loss was a constant companion to Madeline as she lost all her brothers and sisters except Linda and Edwin and both her parents. Tragedy seemed to come hand-in-hand with blessings and she had plenty of both.

In November 1959, she married the love of her life, Wilburn Lyons Poe - after their first date in Washington DC. They started on a family quickly with the birth of Wilburn Anthony, followed by Alethea, Angela and Alison. Through the years, Madeline and Wilburn were blessed with 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, who were her greatest blessings.

Madeline's other great passion was cooking – not only from necessity but sheer love of feeding people. A sign in her kitchen said “Never trust a skinny cook.” She excelled at hospitality and compassion, making everyone who came to her home feel welcomed and appreciated. She delivered more meals

to sick and bereaved than most people cook in their lifetimes. Her longest career was as the Municipal Clerk at the Town of Sylvania, after many days and nights working in sock factories around Fort Payne and as a nurse aid at the hospital. She viewed each job with tenacity and truly did all things as if working for the Lord. (Col 3:23) Her true talents were in child-rearing and making memories. She did both exceedingly well.

Madeline loved the Lord Jesus with all her heart, soul, mind and strength. Her family and friends never questioned her faith in Jesus or her love of them. Truly, she met Jesus on Tuesday night and He said, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

A Celebration of Life service is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday, September 19th at Wesley's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
4451 County Road 27
Sylvania, AL 35988

Tribute Wall



“ *Madeline Akins Poe*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I knew Alison and Hunter from First Baptist Church Huntsville. Thinking of the whole family in this time of loss.*

Amy Balch - August 24, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Wilbur ,all the children and family. Ed and I are so very sorry about Madeline's passing. I never thought on August 7th when I last saw you that her time would be so soon! Again, your family has my prayers for comfort. Madeline was a sweet schoolmate!*

Margaret Thacker - August 19, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ *I loved Madeline. I worked with her at Sylvania Town Hall in the late 70's and early 80's. She was a special friend to me!! I love her and her family!!❤️*

Rhonda Jackson - August 18, 2021 at 10:17 PM



Thank you Rhonda. Lots of memories.

Alethea Tanner - August 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

DW

“ Always felt loved and welcomed in the Poe house. Lots of memories. Love you all.

Donna Womack - August 18, 2021 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ Madeline was a special person who cared deeply! Prayers for your family as you adjust to your loss.

Mary Barrontine - August 18, 2021 at 05:59 PM

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Thank you!!

Alison Hoskins - August 18, 2021 at 11:44 PM

CS

“ Madeline helped me too many times to count. From the first year we moved to Alabama, Madeline was my guide, confidant and good friend. I trusted her with my most precious possessions, my girls, and she helped me get them to many events. She shared her lovely family with us. My whole family will always know she was the very best cook in the whole world. If you doubt me, I hope you get to taste some of her children's dishes. They were taught by the very best and follow admirably. She was a great guide. If I was worried or troubled, her guidance so often had me see the answers. I spent so many hours talking with Madeline, and I thank her family for letting me share so many wonderful times with her. Bless her family and loved ones at this time as they deal with her great loss.

Carol Strickland - August 18, 2021 at 05:57 PM

AH

Thanks so much, Carol! Your words mean so much..

Alison Hoskins - August 18, 2021 at 11:43 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Angela - August 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Angela - August 18, 2021 at 03:29 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Alison Hoskins - August 18, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Madeline Akins Poe.*



August 18, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Madeline Akins Poe.*



August 18, 2021 at 02:17 PM