



Margaret Elizabeth Watson

March 29, 1929 - August 12, 2015

Margaret Elizabeth Watson passed away on August 12, 2015 at Bayhealth Medical Center at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware. Margaret was born March 29, 1929 to the late Annie Moore Watson and James Simmons. She was educated in the Craven County School System in New Bern, North Carolina, where she lived for most of her life. She accepted the Lord at any early age.

Margaret worked as a cook and housekeeper for many years. She always helped others whether it was feeding folks, shopping for them, helping to clean their homes or visiting the sick. She was an exceptional cook and was especially known for her fried chicken, collard greens, potato salad and dumplings. She never saw a dish she could not master. Margaret had a great sense of humor and was well-known for her feisty spirit, which one could readily observe when she watched her beloved cowboy movies or when she had to help “Walker Texas Ranger” find and catch the bad guys.

She was famous in New Bern for walking and riding her bicycle (her “wheel” as she called it) everywhere she went, even into her mid-to-late 70s. She was a stylish dresser and was the epitome of always being “neat as a pin.”

Margaret was always pressed and creased and would let you know if you were not equally polished when you left the house; she freely spoke her mind when she felt it necessary.

Margaret’s love for cooking was second only to her love for animals. She particularly loved dogs and would come to their rescue any time she saw the

need. Family members often caught her slipping food to the family dogs under the table (which she vehemently denied even with the evidence still on her fingers or even when caught red-handed). Despite her ability to cook awesome, full-course meals, Margaret would often be seen eating her favorite meal: Ginger Snaps and Pepsi, with candy (or any type of sweet) for desert. Remembering and cherishing her life forevermore are: her loving and devoted daughter, Annie E. Priestly and son-in-law, Johnnie R. Priestly, Dover, Delaware; grandchildren, Sonya E. Johns (Nico), Dover, Delaware; Lolita Priestly McLean (Mendelssohn), Clinton, Maryland; and Brandon R. Priestly, Dover, Delaware; great-grandchildren, Marcus J. Johns, Washington, D.C.; Ashley A. Johns, Newark, Delaware; and Brianna R. Priestly, Smyrna, Delaware; a sister, Barbara Ann Taylor, New Bern, North Carolina; a nephew, Terry Taylor, New Bern, North Carolina; a special friend, Mamie Manely, and a host of cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

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