

MARTHA (SUMMERS) WILLIS OBT.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Martha Summers Willis, 63, of Cookeville, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Smyrna Cemetery.



The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Tuesday, March 20, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Willis passes away after a brief illness on Saturday, March 17, 2012, in Alive Hospice in Nashville.

Martha was born Jan. 3, 1949, in Cookeville to the late Mildred Draper Summers and Howell (Tubby) Neely Summers.

Mrs. Willis was a member of Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ. She served as Food Services Director at Tennessee Tech University for more than 20 years. She was also the owner/operator of Serendipity Cafe. After her family, her next love, along with her husband, Thomas, was of Tennessee Walking Horses, having won numerous blue ribbons and awards. She was a member of the NSDAR for more than 25 years. She served as TSDAR State Regent and was elected to the office of NSDAR Vice President General. Martha was a member of Colonial Dames of the XVII th Century, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Southern Dames. She was a loving, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Chrissa Shanks Goin and Gary of Franklin; a grandson, Jacob Alan Goin of Franklin; a brother, Harvey Lewis, husband of Kathy Summers of Cookeville; two nephews, Robert and Matthew Summers; a niece, Sarah Summers Baisley; three great-nephews; and a multitude of great friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Thomas W. Willis.

Bro. Jan Cupp will officiate at the services.

Go to www.crestlawnmemorial.com to sign the online guest book and send a message to her family.

Crest Lawn Funeral Home-Cremation Center is in charge of arrangements (931) 526-6384.

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