



## Winnie Holt- Atwater

July 25, 1936 - March 26, 2025

Winnie Holt –Atwater passed away peacefully at her home, with her son by her side on March 26, 2025. She was born on July 25, 1936, in Bismark, Arkansas to Willie Otis Garner and Lola Obera Franklin Garner.

She was predeceased by her parents; her son, Henry Duffy Holt; her husband, Carl Atwater, and James Holt; four sisters; one brother, and her brother-in-law Red Hargrove.

Winnie is survived by her son Jim Holt (Tom Hyland) of Tulsa Oklahoma; her sisters, Lois Hargrove of Hot Springs and Nikki (Orville) Grisham also of Hot Springs. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Winnie worked at the Sentinel Record for many years. At the young age of 13 she had to go to work waiting tables in restaurants to help the family finances. She became a wife and a loving mother, raising her two boys, Jim and Duffy in Hot Springs. Her son Jim was by her side, taking care of his mother until she took her last breath. Winnie was an avid Razorback fan. On game day you would find her in all red, complete with Razorback earrings and red shoes with Razorbacks on each shoe. You better not call during the game. Due to the weather, service will be held, Thursday, 2:00PM April 3, 2025, at Hot Springs Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Teddy officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Hot Springs Funeral Home

1017 Central Avenue  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
hotspringsfh@sbcglobal.net

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

APR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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<https://hotspringsfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ We had some great times with Winnie and Carl at the Moose Club. They were a great couple. Enjoyed them both. They are now together again.  
*Brenda and Terry Reed*

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**Brenda Reed** - April 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JN

“ Aunt Winnie at any age captured the attention of anyone she met. She was a beautiful woman! She was loved by many and left a lasting impression on anyone she met. I am sharing a picture to remind everyone how elegant & lovely she was. She had an eye for fashion and when she smiled, she lit up the room. She was kind, compassionate, intelligent and found comfort in spending time with family in person or on the phone. She will be forever in our hearts. We loved her so much! Jackie & Will Nieto



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**Jackie and Will Nieto** - April 01, 2025 at 08:46 PM

JW

*You couldn't have chosen a more fitting closing than you did for Winnie's service today. What a lady! Rattin and coal black never went out of style for this fashionista. We both know how awesome she was. I'm so sorry she passed without just one more visit with her. I loved laughing and visiting with her for all those years and I hated to hear that you had to deprive her of the nonhuman love of her life. Ha! There are so many things I could say about her, but Jackie and Will have already used most of the adjectives I know. They did fail to mention her sense of humor. She always made me laugh. I can remember when you decorated the house on the hill with what I remember as red curtains. Could have been black though. Anyway I'll bet you don't remember that. Chaperoning with her to New Orleans for your senior trip was a hoot. Oh, how I loved her and missed her when she moved to Tulsa. She was so proud of you and your "good taste" and your jobs that afforded you both a chance for, "Excuse me, Holt coming through, Holt party coming through." I can see her now in Heaven using that same comment to get to the front of the line to meet Jesus and take her seat in the center of the first row. God never ceases to amaze me and his miracle of allowing her to look into your eyes as she departed this earth was definitely His gift to you both. One of His most beautiful gifts to me was allowing both your mother and you to play such an important part of my life. You'll miss her more than you can even imagine now. I'm so thankful you have Tom to hold you when you cry and when you just need comforting. I love you more than you can imagine and will until the day I join your mother and mine and do, "My Way" as a trio.*

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**judy wright** - April 04, 2025 at 03:31 AM

BR

“*Jim, Lois, Nikki & Family. So sorry to hear of Winnie's passing. May Heavenly Father bring you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Love you, Barb*

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**Barbara Withrow Rogan** - April 01, 2025 at 05:24 PM

SB

“ My heart goes out to your family. James & Tom are angles for taking care of winnie & loving her so much. Aunt winnie's house was the first time I ate banana pudding  
Now I make it every Christmas. California will always love & miss Winnie

Sharon Bates - March 30, 2025 at 07:01 PM

GS

“ So very sorry for your loss. I would love to reconnect with her sisters. Email me at tle6289@yahoo.com. Again thoughts and prayers.  
Gladys Stewart

Gladys stewart - March 30, 2025 at 12:41 PM

NG

“ Nikki Grisham lit a candle in memory of Winnie Holt- Atwater



Nikki Grisham - March 30, 2025 at 11:19 AM

WS

I loved Winnie. One of my favorite cousins. Loved all the stories she told me about her growing up, music, etc. Always had a hug for me and lots of love. I miss her already. Love you Cuz.

Wayne Sorrells - April 01, 2025 at 09:25 AM

AW

“ Aunt Winnie you're missed in our daily life's and Heaven got most amazing Angel. Our memories will last a life time with together forever ❤️ Angie , Krista , Palmer , Kayte and our new one on the way (I know you and mom can already see him ) Love your beautiful soul ❤️🙏

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**Angie Woodward** - March 29, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JT

“ So sorry for you loss. Witn deepest heartfelt sympathy.



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**Jeanie Trunkenbolz** - March 29, 2025 at 09:21 AM