



Willie "W.C." Coston Rooks

May 30, 1925 - November 19, 2009

Willie C. (W.C.) Rooks, 84, Russellville, AL passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Russellville Hospital. He was a member of the Ralph Bishop Chapter of Franklin County State Retired Employees, an amateur radio operator, and a deacon at First Baptist Church of Russellville. The visitation will be 10:00 - 12:00 noon Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral service will be follow at 12:00 noon in the chapel. Officiating will be Rev. Jerry Curry and Rev. Barry Holcomb. Interment will be in Franklin Memory Gardens. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lilly C. Rooks; daughter, Amanda Turnock (husband, David) of Granbury, Texas; grandson, Christopher S. Arthur, Russellville; sister, Ruth Adams, Oneonta; brother, Harold Rooks (wife, Nadine), Douglasville, GA; one niece & one nephew. The Pritchard Sunday School class of First Baptist Church of Russellville will serve as honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Russellville, P.O. Box 326, Russellville, AL 35653 or to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ My beloved father on earth,
You would be celebrating your 100th birthday today had you lived long enough.

I am so thankful for the years I had with your spiritual and worldly guidance, your love, extreme patience, and for taking up for me and helping me up when I was being so hurt and shamed in our home when you were at work.

I was too tiny to tell you in words, but you found out and you rescued me!!

Thank you, dear Daddy, for putting my grandmother Nanny right beside our home and for loving her like you did... She KNEW how to love me and how to keep me safe out of the pastures and out of the creepy doghouse where I tried to stay cool or warm or dry.

Thank you for "laying down the law" in our home and making sure I was never locked in the backyard alone for hours again.

You were a good, valiant man, a man of honor and so much integrity!!

When you were alive, Daddy, you were the head of the family and things were quiet, and people were kind and patient and looked to you for advice and all was great. Our family, as sad as your widow was emotionally, decided hatred and shunning was her old defense and would be her defense from that point on. She pretended to love but she was full of snakes. Hatred, jealousy, envy, pride, resentment, everything you took out of her or made her keep to herself came pouring out.

I never went back to Alabama, Daddy, not without you there. I've been to heaven and I know you are in perfect peace. It is us left behind who want to come and be with you and love you for all time. You taught me what love is, what truth means, and how to pray to God and Jesus. I worship every day in a huge closet, like Jesus taught us to do, and I read the Bible and I pray and then I sing hymns of adoration and praise, Daddy, I do not worship any human

man in any building, I worship my Lord and Savior and our one true God above.

Fly high, Daddy, you earned your wings so long ago, and oh, how you loved to fly with me in your plane. :) You are flying above the clouds now and forever more.

Happy 100th birthday and for all to come. I believe I will be able to share joys with you in Heaven before too long. Please remember me and pray for me, Daddy, I'm quite ill, and God's will shall be done.

*Love with all my heart forever,
Your only child, your precious "Manda"*

Amanda Rooks Turnock - May 29, 2025 at 11:44 PM

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“ *Amanda Rooks Turnock lit a candle in memory of Willie "W.C." Coston Rooks*



Amanda Rooks Turnock - May 29, 2025 at 11:30 PM

JH

“ *Mrs Rooks:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We have shared many wonderful things together. I will always remember how sweet and nice your family was to my Mom and Christopher being in the Shoals Boy Choir and taking violin lesson.

Joe Hovater

Joe Hovater - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.*

Jim Holley - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM