



## Wanda Gwendolyn Swofford

March 14, 1921 - March 13, 2019

Wanda Swofford, formerly of Fort Smith, Arkansas, passed away on March 13, 2019 in Denton, Texas. The family will hold a private memorial for family and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Swofford, and her daughter, Cindy Swofford and grandson, William Isaacs.

Wanda was born on March 14, 1921 in Centeron, Arkansas to Minnie and James Featherston. In her later years, she often spoke fondly of growing up on a farm and attributed that to her longevity.

She attended Bentonville High School, Mississippi Southern, and The University of Arkansas. At the University of Arkansas she met her future husband, Louis Swofford. They were blessed with three daughters, Diane, Adair, and Cindy. She was a stay at-home mother until a need arose for a teacher of special needs children. At that time, there were no public school special education classes. So with Inez Schriver, Dr. Roger Bost, and the Junior Civic League support, a class was started for special needs children. From a First Methodist classroom space to the Rosalie Tilles Home to the building of Bost School, Mrs. Swofford impacted the lives and community of Fort Smith. Over the years, she was recognized with various honors for her passion and dedication to education. She started in 1958 as the first teacher and retired as the Director in 1979.

Some of the other loves that she had were intercessory prayer groups, prison ministry, Israel, and her grandson and granddaughter. She lived a long and full life and was ready to graduate to Heaven.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane Isaacs and Adair Slater, Adair's husband James, and granddaughter, Sarah Leonard.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Swofford was my next door neighbor for many years. I wanted to be a teacher and she gave me the opportunity to work summers at Bost School. Due to that, I majored not only in elementary education, but also special education. I thank her for that. She has lived a long life and I am sure she touched many, many others. She has earned her reward with the greatest of teachers, our Lord.*”

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