

Bonneau, South Carolina



Betty White Kodama, 88, died Saturday morning 02 January 2021 in a local assisted living facility. Mrs. Kodama was a retired missile mechanic and crane operator at the Polaris Missile Facility, Atlantic (POMFLANT) facility in Goose Creek after working with the US Navy's NCIS in Charleston, SC.

Her funeral will be 1 PM Wednesday afternoon, 06 January 2021, in the Chapel of Dial-Murray Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Bonneau Baptist Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 PM on Tuesday. Please wear face masks and follow normal social spacing recommendations for COVID-19. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1778 Bethera Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.

Mrs. Kodama was born 24 March 1932, in Bonneau, SC, a daughter of James Harley White and Sue Jane Lewis White. She was a graduate of Macedonia High School and Rice Business College, and she also attended Trident Technical College. Mrs. Kodama was a member of the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church, a former member of the Board of Director's of the Berkeley Country Club, and the Saddle Sisters. She was also a POMFLANT alumni and a member of the Union of American Federation of Government Employees.

In her earlier years, she enjoyed going to dances at the Bonneau Beach Pavilion, and playing basketball for Macedonia High School. In 1951, the Macedonia Lady Foxes delivered the community its first state women's basketball championship. In a playoff game for the championship that year, Mrs. Kodama scored 51 points, a record that still stands today. She also enjoyed playing softball and was an avid golfer. Over the past two years, one of Mrs. Kodama's greatest pleasures was spending time with her great grandson, Wyatt. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Frankilee Mills and Jerry Gatlin, and two brothers, Haskell White and Cleveland White. Mrs. Kodama was the widow of the late Henry H. Kodama.

Surviving are, two sons, Henry E. "Gene" Kodama and his wife, Karen, of the Wassamassaw community in Berkeley County, and William S. "Billy" Kodama of Bonneau; two grandchildren, Justin and Brian Kodama; her great grandson, Wyatt Kodama; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family request anyone in attendance of the visitation or services for Mrs. Kodama to comply with the recommendation of wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.