

38 years of service--Thank You and Farewell,

GLADYS ROBINETTE



June 26, 1933 - January 17, 2012

On June 26, 1933, in Doran, Virginia, Dr. Cunningham was summoned to the home of Charlie Fullen Goodman and Nancy Moore Goodman to deliver a baby. The baby was a girl they named Gladys Pauline Goodman. Charlie Goodman was a coal miner and he also worked in the salt mines of Saltville, VA, while mother Nancy took care of the family's gardening. The family consisted of fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls. Gladys recalls her father telling her, in her teens that she was an expensive baby as she cost the family two dressed hogs and a mess of crissy greens.

Gladys worked hard all her life. She rounded up milk cows and penned them before she boarded the school bus. Gladys said her childhood was tough, but credits the strictness of her parents for making her the woman she became. Once, Gladys recalled, she asked her mother to purchase an unnecessary items for her, and her mother said; "NO, we can't waste money on

such foolery!" Gladys shouted back; "When I grow up and have my own kids, they can have everything they want!" Immediately her mother swatted her with a wet cloth and told her never to speak back to her again! Gladys didn't get disciplined a lot, but she remembers her brothers getting a belt used on them occasionally.

In 1952 Gladys married Marcus "Mark" Wolfe Robinette; they have two sons, Marcus (Wayne) Jr. of Abingdon and Stanley Allen of California and one daughter, Nancy Hearl of Abingdon. Mark worked at Branson Trailers. He was a founding Charter Member of Washington County Moose Lodge 1966 in Abingdon. Gladys always accompanied her husband at the Lodge and in 1973 she became Assistant Manager of the Social Quarters. **A position she held for thirty-eight years.** Gladys and Mark were married for forty-seven years upon his death in February 1999.

Gladys felt her greatest accomplishment was her being able to work all these years and watching members grow up within the Moose and becoming good citizens. She was most proud of her seven grand children and two great-grand children. Gladys is a two time Charter Member of the Women of the Moose, the first Chapter moved to Smyth County and the second is still here, Washington County Chapter 2019. Gladys has held five of the six officer positions within the Chapter. She was the Chairman of Mooseheart Committee over twelve years and she participated in all chapter and lodges projects. She was proud of the Lodge and Chapter's contributions to the local community; the children at Mooseheart and the senior citizens of Moosehaven. Gladys witnessed a few bad situations at the Lodge, but for the most part she knew there have been far more good times than bad ones. Cooking and serving members at the lodge during bingo and at the social quarters' events was a pleasure to her. She was a no-nonsense manager when it came to any stepping out of line and all respected her for it. When not at the lodge working, she baked cakes, brownies or cookies for sale to members and their families for Mooseheart/Moosehaven Committee fund raising. She thoroughly enjoyed visits with her great-grand children and grand children.

Due to her illness, Gladys had to leave her Social Quarters position in September of 2011, she often stopped by the Lodge to visit with old friends when she felt well enough to do so.

On January 17, 2012, Gladys was called home, her journey with Washington County Chapter 2019 and Washington County Moose Family Center Lodge 1966 has ended with dignity and grace. Family and friends remember her loyalty and service. Any contributions in her honor to Mooseheart and/or Moosehaven are greatly appreciated by her home Lodge 1966 and Chapter 2019.

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(The life information is from my June 2010 interview of Gladys, she was a friend to many.)