

First production of 'Our my life. This is one of them.'

# McCrimmon

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In recent years, Willene had sold her part of the family farm and had built a house in Broxton for her and Debbie, Randolph said.

His sister had a good sense of humor. "She had fun just talking." And she didn't meet a stranger.

"SHE WAS my big sister," he continued. "I was the youngest. She was the oldest. We were a team."

When they were growing up, he said, "Mama made biscuits. (Willene) liked the crusts and I liked the crumbs. I'd eat the inside and she'd eat the outside." "She was always there for

me when I needed her," Debbie said.

DEBBIE HAD a bad car wreck when she was a teenager.

"She beat me to the hospital," Debbie said.

"She'd always pet me when I was crying over my boyfriends," her daughter said. Her mother would cook a big dinner on Sundays, and her friends were always welcome.

"I DON'T ever remember her being moody," Randolph said. "She was a good daughter, a good wife, a good mother and definitely a good sister."

Widowed twice, Willene was first married to Morris Ballie. Her second husband, J.D. McCrimmon, suffered from Alzheimer's disease. "She took care of J.D. at home until he died," Randolph said.

"She was like a second mother to me when our mother (Norma Jean Hodgman) died," Amber said. "She took over and helped us any way she could."

WILLENE WORKED in the shoe department at Wal-Mart.

"She had been with this Wal-Mart family for five years," said Bo Carroll, co-manager. "She was a very valuable associate and friend to a lot of associates. It is truly sad the way this happened. Our hearts go out to her family. She is going to really be missed. She was a sweet lady."

FORMER coworker Raymond Deese said: "She was a very sweet lady. Very quiet. She just loved Wal-Mart and loved working with the people at Wal-Mart. Whenever she was out sick, all she could think about was getting back to work."

Willene really loved her boyfriend, Tony Sheppard, her brother said. "He made her happy. He was always there for her." And he mowed the grass at her house the morning after she died.

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan public input meeting**

The public is invited to attend a meeting to discuss Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning activities through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). Ben Hill County has received a grant from GEMA to prepare a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan to address natural hazards within Ben Hill County. This hearing will be held at the Ben Hill County Administration Building, 402A East Pine St., Fitzgerald, Georgia on Wednesday, February 3, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

Because of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments must complete a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as a condition of receiving future Federal Disaster Assistance. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input as part of the planning process.

Persons with special needs related to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact Ms. Paula Jones, County Clerk at (229) 426-5100 before Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at the Ben Hill County Administration Building, 402A East Pine St., Fitzgerald, Georgia between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities can use the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.

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