



Janice Faye Wilson

November 17, 1935 - May 7, 2021

Janice Fay Wilson of Durant, OK passed away May 7, 2021 at the age of 85 in Sherman, Texas. Jan – known to almost everyone as “GG,” – was born November 17, 1935 in Apollo, Pennsylvania. She was a devoted wife, dedicated mother, and proud grandmother and great grandmother. Jan cared deeply for her family, her friends, and her community, and spent 54 years married to the love of her life, Jimmy Wilson.

One of six children, Jan began school in Shady Plain, PA in a one-room schoolhouse at the age of five, serving as an interpreter for her older brother, who was born with a speech impediment.

Jan met Jimmy in 1949 when he was working on a pipeline in her hometown of Apollo. They courted briefly before Jimmy returned to Oklahoma and joined the Army, serving our country in the Korean War. Jan and Jimmy wrote letters to each other during his military service and fell in love. When Jimmy was released from duty, he went directly to Pennsylvania and married Jan on September 18, 1954. She was 17 years old when they began their life together, relocating to Mesquite, TX for six years before moving to Durant, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Jan and Jimmy raised two children, Deneice and Steve, and were very involved with their family, church, and community. During their marriage, Jan

kept the books for Jimmy's company Wilson Masonry, and also had numerous jobs outside the home once their children were raised. She worked several years each with The Bryan County Election Board, The Jubilation House, Price's Printing, and Staff One, and it seemed as though she knew everyone in Durant, greeting each person with a smile.

Jan's kind heart, listening ear, and generous spirit resulted in many lifelong friendships, one of the greatest joys in her life. She enjoyed reading and traveling, and always had a bountiful garden, from which she shared the fruits of her labor. Camping was another favorite pastime, and Jan looked forward to summertime when she could spend time in her yard, at the lake, or beside a pool. Most of all, Jan was devoted to her family, especially caring for and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jan is survived by her daughter Deneice Ridlehuber and her husband Hoyte of Mead, Oklahoma; son Steve Wilson and his wife Debbie of Durant; grandchildren Cliff Wilson and his wife Shembra of Durant; Stephanie Beaver and her husband Brandon of Durant; Ericka Sisk and her husband Caleb of Durant; great-grandchildren Jace and Landry Beaver, Briar and Augustus Wilson, and Jagger Sisk; siblings Nelson Culp of Boise, Idaho; Cathie Mattu of Lake Placid, Florida; and Lewis Culp of Apollo, Pennsylvania, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Jan was preceded in death by her husband Jimmy Wilson, parents Altai and Margaret Culp, brother Herky Culp and sister Violet Lookhart.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Durant, Oklahoma. Jan's wish was to be cremated, and her ashes spread in the place where she spread the ashes of her beloved husband Jimmy.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Mike Benson and the staff of Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center for the kindness and compassion shown to Jan and

her family during her final days.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/69J7L22GDRQ556NR>

Previous Events

Memorial

MAY **13**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
501 15th Avenue
Durant, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice Faye Wilson*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - May 12, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *Janice Faye Wilson*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about your Mom. She always had a beautiful smile and kind heart. All will miss her here, but Heaven will welcome her. The Buddy Tomme Family, Rosie, Becky, Bucky, Henry and Olivia*

Henry Tomme - May 14, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 13, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 11, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 11, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 11, 2021 at 03:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 11, 2021 at 02:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 10, 2021 at 11:16 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



May 10, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Jan will always be in my heart. She was a special lady in my life. I will treasure my memories of time spent with her.*
Sheri Cavender

Sheri Cavender - May 10, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Ron and Vicki purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.*



Ron and Vicki - May 10, 2021 at 08:55 PM

SC

“ Sheri & Keith Cavender purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.



Sheri & Keith Cavender - May 10, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.



May 10, 2021 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ RIP Jan. She was so giving and opened her home to me and many others as our Cub Scout Den Mother. Prayers for her family.

Mark Morrison - May 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JH

“ Johnny and Lisa Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice Faye Wilson.



Johnny and Lisa Harris - May 10, 2021 at 03:44 PM