



Willie Mae Cox Wilson

April 19, 1909 - September 22, 2007

Willie Mae Cox Wilson passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the Bells Nursing Home. Mrs. Wilson was born on April 19, 1909 in Martin, Tennessee. She received her early education in the Martin City schools, attended Abilene Christian University and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Peabody College. She was the recipient of a national Lion Oil scholarship for outstanding teachers which she used to complete her masters degree at Memphis State University.

Mrs. Wilson was a dearly loved and highly respected teacher. She began her teaching career in Palmersville, TN and later taught at Sharon, Martin and Lexington High Schools. During her forty-two years in the classroom, she was a positive influence on many young people and was honored by being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame and chosen to be included on the University of Tennessee's Education Wall of Honor. Mrs. Wilson was a faithful member at the Lexington Broad Street Church of Christ where she taught the Ladies Bible Class. After moving to Jackson, she attended Skyline Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-four years, Wilburn Blair (Bill) Wilson, her parents, Alfred T. and Verna Cox; her sister, Lillian White and a nephew, Joe W. White. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Wilson Higgs and husband, Dr. Bob Higgs; one grandson, Dr. Wilson Clark Higgs and wife

Rachel; three great grandsons: Wilson, William and Wyatt Higgs; one niece, Pat White and three great nieces and their families.

Graveside services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, September 24, 2007 at the Eastside Cemetery in Martin, TN. Conducting the service will be Ed Neal White and Charles Thomason. Pallbearers to serve are: Billy Schrivner, Dr. W. Clark Higgs, Paul Nielsen, Dr. Karl Warren, Dr. Mike Short and Dr. Danny Walker. Honorary pallbearers are Harold Griggs, F.L. Todd and James Gurley.

The Wilson family will receive friends at Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington on Sunday from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be directed to the Broad Street Church of Christ in Lexington; Youth Town of West Tennessee or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM (CT)

Graveside - Eastside Cemetery
Martin, TN

Visitation

SEP 23. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
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Tribute Wall



“ MRS WILSON WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE TEACHERS IN LHS. MY PRAYERS IS WITH THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##DONALD GARNER##imported-end##

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“ Barbara, my sincere condolences in the passing of your dear mother. I learned of this through the e-mail sight (Yahoo) which several of our LHS class members of '55 use to keep informed of various news items.

I'm certainly glad to have had Mrs. Wilson as a wonderful English teacher in high school as well as knowing her during my father's tenure at Broad Street.

May God's blessings be with you and all members of the family.

Glenda (VanDyke) Taylor##imported-begin##Glenda Taylor##imported-end##

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“ I have many fond memories of Mrs. Wilson. She was a wonderful teacher and you definitely learned English in her class.

Our deepest condolences to Barbara and family.

We are St. Louis residents, but are moving to Jackson on Oct. 18.##imported-begin##Janette Palmer Fisher##imported-end##

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“ To Nancy and Family,

I want you to know how much I have appreciated the positive influence that Mrs. Wilson has had on my life over the years since I was a student in her 11th Grade English Classes in 1953-54 at Lexington High School. I am glad that I sent her a letter several years ago expressing my appreciation to her. May God bless you and your family as you experience the sadness of her passing to a larger life.

*Harry Bowman
16709 Tall Grass Lane
Clermont, FL 34711##imported-begin##Harry Bowman##imported-end##*

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“ I GRADUATED FROM PALMERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. YOUR MOTHER WAS A SPECIAL LADY. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. VICKIE ANDERSON##imported-begin##vickie anderson##imported-end##

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