



Mrs. Nelda Jane Wilson

September 15, 1941 - February 5, 2016

NELDA JANE WILSON

Nelda Jane Wilson, a longtime Bartlesville resident, passed away on February 5, 2016 at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa at age 74 after a short illness.

Nelda was born on September 15, 1941 in Cushing, Oklahoma . She was the daughter of Milton Turner Carter and Alta Leona (Holderread) Carter. She grew up in Cushing, attending grade school there and graduated from Cushing High School in 1959. It was while attending Wilson Elementary School that she discovered her lifelong love of teaching. Her second grade teacher, Miss Gwen Cramer, was the influence that started Nelda on her course toward a career in education. She attended Oklahoma State University, beginning in 1959. She was initiated into Delta Zeta Sorority in 1961, living in the sorority house until graduation. She remained active in Delta Zeta for the rest of her life. She graduated from OSU in May of 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She subsequently received her Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from OSU in May of 1967. Nelda was engaged to her high school sweetheart, Travis Wilson, on Christmas Eve 1962. They were married June 15, 1963 in the First Christian Church in Cushing, Oklahoma. Her teaching/counseling career began in August 1963 in

Cushing. There, she taught second grade at her old school, Wilson Elementary. She and Travis moved to Stillwater in 1965, where she taught fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary. She started counseling in 1966 at C. E. Donart High School in Stillwater.

In 1967, Travis accepted a job with Phillips Petroleum and they moved to Bartlesville. Nelda began a combination fourth/fifth grade teaching position at Lincoln Elementary. Their daughter, Dawn, was born May 2, 1968. Their son, Kahle, was born July 20, 1970. Nelda began her next career as a stay-at-home mom, and enjoyed that immensely.

When Kahle started school, Nelda went back to work as an English and Speech teacher at Central Junior High. She held that position for 13 years. She transitioned into a counseling position at Hoover Elementary, which she held for 12 years. In May 1998, she retired from education to enjoy traveling and spending more time with Travis and their grandchildren. Her children, and eventually grandchildren, were the focus of her life. She was always involved in her children's activities while they were growing up. She was in the Phillips 66 Splash Club Parent Group when Dawn swam and a Sigma Chi Mom while Kahle was in college. Once grandchildren arrived she spent countless hours attending sporting events, school activities and band concerts.

Nelda was very active in organizations throughout High School, her time at OSU, and in her professional life. She was a lifetime OSU Alumni member, a lifetime Delta Zeta Sorority member, a member of the Oklahoma Education Association, AAUW, and YWCA. She was a life member of the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association as well as the National Education Association. She was a member of the Washington County Retired Educators Association, serving as President from 2002-2004 and Vice President from 1999-2001. She was very active with the 55+ Activity Center, serving as President at the time of her passing. She was an active member of Disciples Christian Church

and member of the Daughters of the American Revolution until her passing

As anyone who knew Nelda would agree, she never met a stranger. She was always ready to talk to anyone she met, usually trying to figure out if she had taught them in school, or if she had taught their parents. She loved to dance and led line dancing at 55+ up until the time of her death. She also enjoyed traveling with Travis, and they took many trips to Branson, Hawaii and other locales to visit friends and family.

Nelda is survived by her husband, Travis, of the family home; sister Nancy Franklin of Cushing; daughter Dawn and her husband Scott, of Bartlesville; son Kahle and his wife Stephany of Edmond; and grandchildren Kayna, Turner, Cooper, Kaden and Kyler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Milton Turner Carter and Alta Leona (Holderread) Carter.

The family would like to thank all of her friends who have expressed their love and support. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to 55+ Activity Center (1400 SE Washington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006) or the Bartlesville Public School Foundation (1100 S. Jennings, Bartlesville, OK 74003).

A celebration of life memorial service will be held Friday, February 12th at 10:30 AM at First Christian Church in Bartlesville. Reverend Scott Taylor of Disciples Christian Church will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home. Friends who wish may sign the online guestbook and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Church

FEB **12.** 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
520 S. Osage
Bartlesville, OK

Tribute Wall

EB

“Mrs. Wilson you were the kindest and thoughtful teacher. I will always remember you. From one of your student Elizabeth.



Elizabeth Booth - February 23, 2016 at 04:59 PM

JP

“Nelda was a long time family friend and my favorite English teacher. She was so kind and disciplined her students with humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the Wilson family. ~Julie Benningfield Potts

Julie Potts - February 16, 2016 at 10:25 AM

AF

“We couldn't agree more with the many attributes expressed, Our family had the privilege of moving next door to the Wilson family when we came here in 1975. Even their dog, Bubbles, and our avid hunting cat, Buttons, forged a great relationship, If she somehow got locked out on a cold night, Bubbles would share his house - and even his food on occasion. Buttons repaid this kindness - knocking on the door holding a huge mole - and Nelda would express great thanks knowing this was one more mole Travis wouldn't have to find.

Alice and Jim Fagan, Beth, Margie, and Teresa

Alice Fagan - February 11, 2016 at 03:35 PM

DP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wilson family. Nelda was a very special lady and will be greatly missed. Tink, Dona, Chance and Clint Patterson

Dona Patterson - February 11, 2016 at 02:33 PM

SW

“ Nelda was one of the kindest women we have ever known. She never met a stranger without engaging in conversation. She was funny, loving and always ready to help with a kind word or really sensible advice. We will miss her.
With love, Starnes & Patricia Walker

Starnes & Patricia Walker - February 10, 2016 at 02:48 PM

LF

“ 55+ Center will miss a great member. Nelda was always ready to help with anything that we were trying to do to make the Center a better place for everyone.

She will be missed as a member and a friend.

LaVeta Fickel - February 10, 2016 at 12:22 PM

CG

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C'Ann Gordon - February 10, 2016 at 09:43 AM

CG

So many memories and so much love. Our loved ones will be missed, but we have wonderful memories. Aunt Nelda will be dearly missed. Love you all.

C'Ann Gordon - February 10, 2016 at 09:48 AM

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C'Ann Gordon - February 10, 2016 at 09:41 AM

CG

Aunt Nelda will be dearly missed! Love her so much! Thought and prayer are with you Uncle Travis, Dawn, Kahle and families. Love you all...

C'Ann Gordon - February 10, 2016 at 09:46 AM

KC

“ *Nelda was a joyous person & an honor to know. She will be missed by many.
Our sympathy & prayers for you Travis, & your family. Ken & Connie Cook*

Ken & Connie Cook - February 09, 2016 at 06:05 PM

KC

“ While in the 7th & 8th grade, I spend a lot of time at Nelda's house as we just lived a few blocks apart. Nelda was always so joyful and fun to be around. A beautiful person that always made the most out of life. She & Travis became sweet hearts in high school and would always see them cruising around town together. She will be missed, but I know she is in a better place and heaven rejoiced at her arrival. Kay Geymann Casto

Kay Geymann Casto - February 09, 2016 at 09:48 AM

CP

“ Remembering Nelda today - what a sweet friend in younger years, before we moved apart. Thinking of her family and lifting them in prayer today. Charlene Baker Price and Bill Price

Charlene Price - February 09, 2016 at 07:34 AM

VM

“ Vivian Mccorvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nelda Jane Wilson



Vivian Mccorvey - February 08, 2016 at 11:07 PM

VM

Nelda a lovely joyful person always cared about the people she knew and there was many.
I am happy to be one of them.
She will be greatly missed ?
Vivian Mccorvey

Vivian Mccorvey - February 08, 2016 at 11:17 PM

SC

“ *Beth and I send sincere condolences to Travis and the Wilson and Carter families.*

Steve & Beth Cubbage - February 08, 2016 at 05:41 PM