



## Geraldine Anna Wilson

June 13, 1926 - September 24, 2020

Geraldine Anna Seliga Wilson went to be with her Lord on September 24, 2020 at the age of 94. She was born June 13, 1926 to Anna and John B. Seliga in Detroit, Michigan.

In January, 1946 she married Joseph L. Wilson and they had four children: Ann Marie Brattain (William), Carole Jo Simpkins, (deceased), Mark A. Wilson and Gail E. Hahn. Her grandchildren are Amy. G. Lombardo, William A. Brattain, and Charles A. Hahn and her great-granddaughter is Skylar M. Lombardo.

During her lifetime Gerry was very proud of her accomplishments. She was an accomplished soloist, and was choir director of three United Methodist Churches both in Michigan and Winter Haven, FL. She attended Polk Junior College and on her fifty-second birthday she graduated with an Associate of Science degree and became a Certified Professional Secretary. She worked for various State of Florida agencies and retired from the Florida Department of Citrus.

Gerry established the Beymer Memorial United Methodist Church Thrift House which has helped fund local charitable organizations. She loved to assist at the church sponsored after school tutoring program, in conjunction with Inwood Elementary School, which was staffed by many dedicated church

volunteers. She was active in the Beymer United Methodist Women, serving as President for several years.

Gerry was also active in the Beymer church choir and Sunday school classes. She loved serving her Lord and loved her friends both in and outside of the church.

Gerry requested that her ashes be sprinkled on the grounds of the church she loved so well. A service will take place at a later date. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be given to the Beymer Thrift House (821 7th St. NW Winter Haven Florida 33881) or the Beymer Chancel Choir (700 N Lake Howard Dr. Winter Haven, FL 33881).

The family would like to thank her many church friends that have assisted her over the years and who kept in communication with her following her move to Tallahassee. It meant so much to her to be remembered in everyone's calls, thoughts and prayers.

"I just wanted you to know I made it home.  
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new.  
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.  
Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.  
God is taking care of me...I'm in the shelter of His hands.  
Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.  
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.  
Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.  
I really have to go now...I've just got to try my wings."

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))



# Tribute Wall

GH

“ Mom was an independent woman who followed her heart. Music was her love and she did it so well. She instilled in me the love and joy of singing. I tried not to let her voice intimidate me but, I confess, it was kinda hard not to be. She is singing with the angels now and what a wonderful addition to the Heavenly Chorus! She loved her family, loved her church and loved Jesus. I'm so glad she gets to spend lots of time with Him now. Every morning before we left for school and work, I would see her on her knees next to the bed praying. I know that she walked daily with the Lord and that He was her strength. Once when I was back in FL visiting, I went visiting shut ins with mom. After sharing some time with the person she always asked what song they wanted to hear before we left. I joined in with some harmony and what a blessing that was to sing with her on such a personal level. That is forever in my heart. She was a blessing to so many people.

*Thank you to everyone for loving my mom. She will be greatly missed. She is already.*

*Gail Wilson Hahn*

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**GAIL E HAHN** - September 29, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JW

“ *Condolences to the Wilson family on the passing of Gerry.*

*I met Gerry Wilson soon after I arrived in the Winter Haven area in 1965. She was a member of Beymer United Methodist Church in Winter Haven and was employed with the Florida Department of Citrus in Lakeland.*

*She was the "Soprano" for the Beymer choir and an excellent secretary for Beymer groups and the Florida Department of Citrus. Before she moved to Tallahassee, she was a dependable visitor for the infirmed.*

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**Jodie Whitney** - September 29, 2020 at 09:37 AM

IW

*With deepest sympathy to the family of Gerry Wilson. She was a leader in many respects, especially in the Certified Professional Secretaries association. Her secretarial skills outshone most of us as we aspired to reach her personal standards in the CPS rating. She convinced me to follow in her footsteps at the Florida Department of Citrus (She was a hard act to follow!) Her beautiful voice was well-known throughout the Winter Haven FL civic groups as she lovingly performed upon request. Her Christian beliefs led her business ethics in all walks of her life. It was a blessing to me to call her a very dear friend.*  
*Ida Wright*

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**Ida Wright** - September 29, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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*I only moved to Winter Haven 11 years ago but when I met Gerry I knew I was home. She made me feel so welcome and I could talk to her about anything. Her lovely voice will make a great addition to God's angel choir.*

*Roseanna Whitney*

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**Roseanna Whitney** - September 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM