



Carolyn Eskridge Gibbs Wilson

March 19, 1925 - October 25, 2021

Carolyn “Carol” Eskridge Gibbs Wilson, passed away in Annapolis, MD, on October 25, 2021, after a brief illness. She was born in San Antonio, TX, on March 19, 1925, to Ralph Selman Gibbs and Lillian Eskridge Gibbs. She attended school in Alamo Heights and majored in drama at the University of Texas, Austin.

On September 10, 1946, she married Edgar Hunter Wilson, Jr. and moved to Durham, NC, where he obtained his law degree from Duke University, and she directed performances at the Durham Little Theater. After law school, they moved to Macon, GA, where Ed taught at Mercer University Law School. Carol served for 10 years as the director of the Junior League’s Children’s Theater, which did 20 performances a year for elementary school children. She also starred in many plays of the Macon Little Theater including I Remember Mama, The Heiress, Joan of Lorraine, Anastasia, and Candida.

When Ed decided to run for the Georgia General Assembly in 1956, Carol made television speeches about her husband and his qualifications. She was quite good, and he surprised many by defeating the Governor’s floor leader. Carol continued her campaign charm as Ed ran for reelection to the General Assembly, and then for Mayor of Macon. As “first lady of Macon” she participated in many ceremonial duties including breaking a bottle of champagne to christen the Air Force plane “The City of Macon.”

Carol was an expert seamstress, decorator, and cook. She loved to travel and took trips to Russia, China, Japan, Europe, Great Britain, and Scandinavia. In 1980, she became state president of the Georgia League of Women Voters. An article written about her at the time described her as “vocal and almost vehement” on the subject of women’s rights and the ERA.

In 1991, Carol moved to Jekyll Island, GA, and began raising and breeding Norwich Terriers. Her beloved “Joe” went to Westminster in 2002 and won best in breed. While living at Jekyll, she learned to make pottery and began writing short stories. She was curious and an avid reader throughout her life.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ed, in 1990. She adored and is survived by her daughter, Dottie Wilson (Bob Thompson); her grandchildren, Blake Thompson (Beth) of Oakland, CA, and Hunter Thompson (Adrienne) of Richmond, VA; and her great-grandchildren Lucy, Isaiah, Micah, Mira, Eliza and Cameron Thompson. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Beverly Wilson, and nieces, Simone Scott, Michele Fletcher, Debby Hannan, Carol O’Donnell, Monique Anderson and Penny Lewis; and nephew, Ralph Gibbs.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am, on December 11, 2021, at Christ Church Parish of Kent Island, 830 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, Maryland.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude’s, the League of Women Voters, or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church Parish Kent Island
830 Romancoke road
Stevensville, MD 21666

Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Eskridge Gibbs Wilson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Carolyn Eskridge Gibbs Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Carolyn Eskridge Gibbs Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Eskridge Gibbs Wilson.*



December 09, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Eskridge Gibbs Wilson.*



December 08, 2021 at 01:06 PM

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“ Remembering Aunt Carol with beautiful memories. She was a gracious and kind lady. I will always be grateful for her help forty six years ago making my wedding so special! She made everything work with ease and southern charm. She will always have a special place in my heart and prayers.
May you Rest In Peace.
With Love,
Debby Hannan

DebbyHannan - November 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM

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“ I have always admired my DEAR FRIEND CAROL, since we met in 1949. She & I were so busy with our families, but each time we gathered for holidays at Mother Wilsons home, we became to know each other very well, shared our happiness & sadness thru the year's....She taught me to sew, & feel secure in myself, my first trip to Sweden, Norway she shared with me, & when in Jeykell Island, taught Jim & I how to fish & go crabbing...what fond memories, I will miss her & she will always be in my heart with love.
Beverly Wilson

Beverly J. Wilson - October 29, 2021 at 11:17 AM