



## Jeanne Thomas Wilson

November 5, 1929 - May 2, 2020

Jeanne Thomas Wilson, 90, of Chestertown, MD, passed away quietly on May 2 after a brief illness.

Those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving Jeanne knew her to be a devoted wife, doting sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Jeanne's large circle of friends always included a wide variety of characters, and to each and every one she was intensely loyal. Her professional life was one of service to others in the field of education, first as an administrator at Salem College and Wake Forest University and in her later years as a tutor to dyslexic children in Winston-Salem, NC, and Chestertown.

Jeanne was born in Shattuck, OK, in 1929 and spent her later childhood in Gettysburg, PA, before her family returned to Stillwater, where she attended Oklahoma State University and met her husband Jim. Jim and Jeanne started their married life and family in Battle Creek, MI, lived for many years in Winston-Salem, then retired to Heron Point in 2003. Jeanne's wry sense of humor was a constant feature of her interactions with everyone, but she was just as willing to engage in passionate debates over literature, politics, women's rights, and even religion. Jeanne kept everyone who knew and loved her both laughing and on their toes.

She is survived by James C. Wilson, her husband of 69 years; her brother,

Laurence E. ("Tommy") Thomas, Jr., of Sarasota, FL; and her sister, Alice Joan Thomas of Gettysburg, PA; her children, Stephanie Wilson Havenstein (married to Peter Havenstein) and Bruce Sandness Wilson (married to Lisa Westfall) of Bethesda, Maryland; her seven grandchildren, Peter Fulton Havenstein, Jr., of Kensington, MD, Patricia Havenstein Cartin of Columbia, SC, Polly Havenstein Barbiasz of Washington, DC, Paul James Havenstein of Bethesda, MD, Jennifer Diane Wilson, of Los Angeles, CA, Andrew Lawrence Wilson of Athens, GA, Julia Taylor Wilson of Atlanta, GA; a great grandchild, Polly Elizabeth Cartin of Columbia, SC; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and generations of family who will miss her terribly.

The Coronavirus has affected all of our everyday lives and sadly that includes the celebration of life affecting friends and family of loved ones and their ability to gather and pay their respect in traditional ways. In light of this, a memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Jeanne consider a donation to either the Alzheimers Foundation of America (<https://alzfdn.org>) or the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (<https://leukemia michigan.org>).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanne Thomas Wilson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jeanne Thomas Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jeanne Thomas Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry for your and your family's loss Stefie.*



**Candy Nolan Gardner** - January 23, 2021 at 04:05 PM

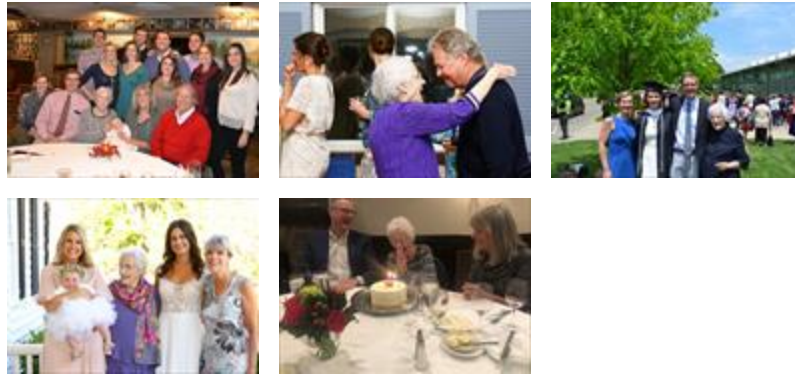


“ *To all of Jeanne's family - I'm so sorry for your loss because I know it's a huge one. I adored Jeanne! When I most needed it, she extended her hand in friendship to me and graced me with her good humor and great intellect during many a lunch and dinner. After she left Winston-Salem I did a horrible job of staying in touch which I feel badly about but I know she'd forgive me because that's just who she was. You're all in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of a great lady.*

**Marcia Vaughn** - May 05, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ 10 files added to the album *Jeanne Wilson*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - May 05, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *Sara Beth & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Thomas Wilson*



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**Sara Beth & David Quinn** - May 04, 2020 at 01:18 PM