



Ann Wise Eldridge

February 10, 1935 - July 24, 2016

Ann Wise Eldridge was born on Feb 10, 1935 in Tulsa, OK to Frank and Kathleen Wilson. She was surrounded by family as she went to be with her Lord on July 24, 2016 in Tulsa, OK.

Ann grew up in Okmulgee, OK, graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1953, then attended the University of Oklahoma where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Education in 1957. She was proud to be a Sooner and the 1st in her family to earn a college degree. While at OU, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority where she served as the chapter Corresponding Secretary and earned the ABO Award for Outstanding Senior. This award honors one Pi Phi Senior from all of the national collegiate chapters who best exemplifies Pi Beta Phi's qualities of excellent scholarship and outstanding campus participation and community leadership during her collegiate career. She was also a member of Alpha Lambda Delta- Freshman Honor Society (top 20%) and Pi Omega Pi National Business Education Teacher Honor Society.

She married Jim Bill Wise in August of 1957 and they made their home in Okmulgee. She taught Business Principles at OSU Tech for 10 years, and from 1979-1988 was a partner in D'nita ladies' specialty shop with her sister-in-law, Dindy Foster. She was a charter member of the Okmulgee PEO-Chapter ER where she served as past President and was a delegate to the International Convention. For many years, she was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church Okmulgee where she served on many committees and

formerly served as nursery coordinator and worked with the youth group. She was a member of the Retail Merchants Board of Directors- President 1988, the Okmulgee Hospital Board of Directors 1980-86, the OK Foundation for Excellence Board of Directors- appointed by then Senator David Boren 1986-1991, the Red Cross Board of Directors-Treasurer, the Arts Council of Oklahoma, and the Okmulgee Baptist Village Advisory Committee 1988-89 (Secretary '89), 1991-94.

After Jim Bill's death, Ann married Dr H.G. Eldridge and they later moved to Tulsa, OK. They spent 11 happy years together sharing their common enjoyment of traveling and love of church-related activities before his death in 2004. She was a member of South Tulsa Baptist Church and the Kingdom Builders' Sunday School Class.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, 2 husbands, sister Dorothy McGown and husband Xen McGown, and daughter-in-law Sherry Wise. She is survived by daughter Melanie Wise Bigbie and husband Bane of Norman, OK; son Jim Wise of Okmulgee, OK; sister-in-law Dindy Foster; brother-in-law Chris Wise, grandchildren Nathan, Ben and Brett Bigbie, Brayden Buss and wife Lauren, Maddy, Will and Grant Wise; great-grandson Wyatt Buss; nephews Jeff McGown, Steve McGown and Gilbert York. Equally special to Ann were stepsons Dr. David Eldridge and the late Richard Eldridge, along with their wives and families.

A memorial service for Ann will be held on Wednesday, July 27 at the First Baptist Church Okmulgee at 1:30 p.m. with Reverend Jerry Fielder and Reverend Brayden Buss officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Falls Creek Centennial Campaign. <https://www.bgco.org>, or make check out to BGCO, Development Office, 3800 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112

FCCC: In memory of Ann W. Eldridge

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 27. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee
311 W. 5th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Ann Wise Eldridge*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Ann Wise Eldridge*



Kim Angle - August 14, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *just found out about Ann's death... very sorry to hear of this.... she was a great lady and always had a smile on her face...truly exemplified what a Christian lady should be... my sympathy to the family*

Larry Davis - August 09, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ *I WAS IN A BIBLE STUDY CLASS WITH ANN TAUGHT BY HER FRIEND AND MINE, GLORIA PHILLIPS IN TULSA. ANN WAS NOT DECEIVED BY A NEW AGE JESUS THAT IS INFLITRATING SOME OF OUR CHURCHES & OUR WORLD TODAY. I VALUED THOSE TIMES WE HAD TOGETHER. SHE WAS A LOVELY LADY.*

MAY YOU FEEL GOD'S PRESENCE IN A SPECIAL WAY & BE COMFORTED.

SINCERELY, SUE ARCHAMBO

SUE ARCHAMBO - July 30, 2016 at 03:04 PM

MP

“ *Melanie, Jim and Family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss, your mother was a very nice lady and she always seemed to have a smile on her face. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Love, Mary Bortisser Pearson

Mary Bortisser Pearson - July 28, 2016 at 11:12 AM

CT

“ *Melanie, Jim, and Family: I was so very sorry to learn of Ann's death. Your mother, father, Robert and I shared many wonderful trios together while serving on the school board. Your parents were always caring and kind to others. We enjoyed a very special relationship. I share your loss and your pain and pray you will find peace and joy in your beautiful memories. May God continue to bless you and your immediate family and the extended family. Robin, Chrystal, Caryl. And Bobby extend their sorrow for your loss. Much love, Caryl Taylor*

Caryl Taylor - July 27, 2016 at 09:39 AM

BS

“ Ann was a dear, precious friend for decades. We both attended First Baptist Church in Okmulgee from childhood, same high school; but as we got older, spent lots of time talking long distance, & visiting when I vacationed in Oklahoma. She shared my love for Jesus, and what a comfort to know she was absent from the body and present with Him. Always called her my "forever" friend; and it was never truer than today. He is coming back SOON and how I look forward to spending eternity with her.

My personal slogan is: "I'm looking for the 'upper-taker' and not the 'undertaker'." Every single scripture has been fulfilled to usher in His 2nd Coming. I'm just praying everyone is ready. Know Ann is looking forward to that reunion as well. She loved her friends & family dearly; and am confident, if she could, would ask each one - if your life would end today, would you meet her there? Jesus is the only way that will open the door to join her on the other side, when that time comes.

Betty Hoyt Short - July 27, 2016 at 07:07 AM

CH

“ Melanie & Jim,
I am so very sorry and sad for your loss. Your mother was such a first class & kind woman. I have many, many wonderful memories of being at your house since I was 7 or 8. The environment your mom created in your home was such a key part of my childhood and she was like a 2nd mom to me. I am thankful for those magical years. I am praying for all of you.

Love,
Carol Penn Harper

Carol Penn Harper - July 26, 2016 at 09:08 PM

NC

“ *Melanie and Jim..
I've known your mom all my life. She was a great lady and always kind and giving. Mary and I are sorry for your loss as and send our love and support.
Nolan and Mary Crowley*

Nolan Crowley - July 26, 2016 at 05:48 PM

DM

“ *prayers, guys. think I still have some frocks from d'nita's peace.*

david miller - July 26, 2016 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Ann Wise Eldridge*



david miller - July 26, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ *Jim and Melanie my heart is heavy with the news of your mothers passing. My and Kris's prayers are with you and your families. What a special lady she was. I have many fond memories growing up in Okmulgee and spending time with you guys. Ann was chauffeur for many junior golf tournament that Jim and I played in. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

John McLarty - July 26, 2016 at 03:02 PM

PB

“ Pamela Bennight-Elmore sent a virtual gift in memory of Ann Wise Eldridge



Pamela Bennight-Elmore - July 26, 2016 at 11:59 AM

SW

“ Melanie and Jim: what a beautiful life your precious mother lived. I am praying for you and the grandkids.

Stacy Woodroof - July 26, 2016 at 07:30 AM

KT

“ We are all praying for you both, Melanie and Jim and all your precious children. Your Mom was a beautiful, gracious, and delightful lady.
Love,
All The Trents



Kathi Trent - July 26, 2016 at 12:40 AM

PH

“ Melanie and Jim,
So sorry to hear about your mom. I remember her sharing a wedding etiquette book with me when I was getting married. She was a lovely person and she raised some great kids. I pray for God's peace for you. Love you, Page H

Page Hayden - July 25, 2016 at 04:26 PM