



Zella Wilson

June 28, 2010

Services for Zella Glidden Wilson, of Tyler, will be held Friday, July 2, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev.'s Micah Devendorf and Tom Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery. On June 28, 2010, heaven welcomed home a most beautiful angel as Zella Glidden Wilson crossed over into eternal glory. The youngest of 11 children, Zella was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. Her life changed forever with her decision to attend Bethany Peniel College in Oklahoma. It was there that she met, and eventually married Arless Wilson. For 34 years she enjoyed a career in elementary education, challenging and enlightening young minds. She retired in 1995 from Rice Elementary in Tyler. She was also faithfully involved in her local and district church. She was twice awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Dallas District Church of the Nazarene for faithful service to God and missions on both the local and district level. She was also a member of the Dallas District World Missions Council for 24 years, as well as twice being a delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene. However, as she always said, her greatest accomplishment in life was being a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her adoring husband of 54 years, Arless Wilson of Tyler; sons, Dr. Mark Wilson and wife Beth of Springfield, MO., Dr. Brad Wilson of Nacogdoches and Mr. Doug Wilson of Oklahoma City, OK.; brother, Mr. Chester Glidden of Surprise, AZ.; and her seven grandchildren who loved her deeply and will miss her immensely. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Brian Wilson, Scott Wilson,

Jordan Wilson, Josh Wilson, Andy Wilson and Philip Anderson. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas, 75703. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Zella Wilson may be made to the committee for which she chaired, Senior Adult Ministries of First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 Old Bullard Rd., Tyler, Texas, 75701.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Arless, we were so sorry to hear about the tragic accident with Zella. She was a wonderful lady. We have many memories of her from college days. Our prayers are with you and the family and may God's very comforting arms be around you at this time. Our heartfelt sympathy is with you.*

Ârk & Lou Noel - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Zella, Lived a life that exemplified her faith and her belief and love of God. This is such shock to all of us. We are so very thankful for her life and her influence on so many.*

Saturday before leaving the funeral I asked her to quickly give some advice to my son's girlfriend - Emily. Instead of rushing off she took the time to visit with Emily and share some of the challenges of being a teacher to special ed students and a teacher in general.

I know I will always cherish that memory and her soft calming voice explaining some of the challenges ahead of her but how rewarding it will be to be a teacher.

I also cherished being around her and Arless - they still looked like newlyweds but you could tell that not only did they love each other but how much they admired and respected each other. Their marriage was truly blessed as we all were by Zella. We WILL MISS her and can't believe she's gone - but she is in a better place. May we all follow her example as a follower of Christ as a friend, teacher, mother, and wife. Rest dear Zella - rest now.

Beckey Thomas - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with your entire family at this time. Zella was such a precious, sweet lady and will be missed by so many people. She always had a sweet smile & kind word.*

Pat Gaddis - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Zella was a valuable asset to our district missions council, and a dear friend! She had a heart for missions, which was exhibited in the diligence that she showed in her areas of responsibility!!*

She served in many positions on the council throughout the years - most recently as Chair of two scholarship committees: Betty Lynch Scholarship (tuition assistance for college students preparing for to be missionaries) and Missionary Children's Scholarship (college tuition for children of missionaries who came from our district and went to the field). Along with the scholarships, she also served as liason between our council and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, an outreach arm of the Church of the Nazarene.

We will miss her, but rejoice that she has fought her good fight and finished her course.....

Ours prayers and love are extended to Arless and the boys.

*Remember you're loved!!
Cheryl*

Cheryl Adams - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Arlie and I send our heartfelt sympathy to you and the family in the loss of your precious lady, Zella. She was a wonderful Christian lady and admired by many including the two of us. Our love and prayers are with ya'll. Heaven is a brighter place today!
Arlie and Curley Kyzer

Rev & Mrs Arlie Kyzer - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayer are certainly with you during this difficult time. May God bless you and strengthen you in the days to come.

Jimmy and Kristi Bennett - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Zella has fought the good fight and has run the race. I'm sure she's enjoying her crown even now.

We're thankful and blessed to have known Zella. Thankfully, we will see her again.

To Arless and the family, our love and prayers go with you in this time of (temporary) loss.

"The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace." --Numbers 6:24-26 (NASB)

Brian & Christine Stinecipher - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM