



Doris Marion Wilder

January 26, 1923 - April 11, 2015

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of the lord." -
Matthew 25:23

Viewing for Doris M. Wilder, a resident of Desert Hot Springs, will be held at Rose Mortuary 66424 Pierson Blvd, Desert Hot Springs, CA Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. with funeral services following at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services will be at Riverside National Cemetery 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 2:01 p.m. She will be interred next to her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Herbert Wilder.

Mrs. Wilder passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015 at her home in Desert Hot Springs after a lengthy illness. Doris was born January 26, 1923 in Medford, Massachusetts the daughter of Francis and Mildred Gilleland.

When Doris was just five years old her father, Officer Francis Gilleland of the Medford Police Department, was killed in the line of duty. Shortly thereafter, her mother moved the family to live with relatives in Manchester, NH. It was there that Doris met her future husband, Herbert Spencer Wilder.

She was united in marriage to Herb on February 7, 1942 in Manchester, NH. He preceded her in death September 26, 1991. They were married for 49 wonderful years.

Throughout her lifetime, Doris was an active homemaker – dedicated to her family and her husband's military career; traveling throughout the United States and abroad & meeting such dignitaries as former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Doris was also very active with holiday crafts, creating decorations and art for holiday celebrations; she also enjoyed working with jigsaw puzzles, swimming and loved her time with bible study.

Prior to relocating to Desert Hot Springs in 2006, Doris lived for 38 years in Placentia, California where she was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children and spouses; Barbara Looney, Pflugerville, TX, Joyce (Mike) Armstrong, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Bill Wilder, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Susan (Gary) Blakeley, Wake Forest, NC, nieces Janice Schmal, Lois Dalton, 6 loving grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her only sibling, Mildred L. Hawes in March 1990, her mother Mildred G. Gilleland in March 1972 and a great-grandson, Andrew Kapcia in October 2010.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association 69730 California 111, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

Funeral services are under the care and direction of Rose Mortuary & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Marion Wilder*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *I can't believe it's been 3 years already! I know you and Mom are making up for lost time. Glad you and Mom are out of pain now and in a beautiful place watching over us. Miss you dearly. Kaleb sends his love as well and wishes he can still swim with you. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to Mom and me and thinking of Kaleb as one of your adopted grandsons. You were, still are and always will be special and loved. Cheryl and Kaleb*

Cheryl McKee - April 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will always be my surrogate mom..thank you for being such a sweetheart...I'm happy you got to do it your way! Love always, Julie Leonardson (Williams).*

julie leonardson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Auntie, I hope you know how special you were to me. When I needed to talk to someone other than my mom, you were always there to listen and share good advice. There are so many special memories and things shared that it would take a book to list them all so let it suffice to say I loved you and miss you. Say hi to Mom and Nana for me. Until we meet again.*

LOIS DALTON - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Remembering Doris;

A wonderful loving, caring, beautiful, funny person I have met. I am blessed to have met someone like her, a beautiful soul that is no longer with us but forever in our heart. We will meet you one day again Doris but until then we will keep your spirit alive. I enjoyed being your company, hearing your wonderful stories, watching you do your puzzles. In the beginning I remember you telling me that you're my second mother that you couldn't be my first mother because you didn't give birth to me , and how you told me to not let anyone tell me that I'm too skinny because I'm fine the way I am then you said and tell them that your second mom told you that. I will always cherish these wonderful memories. You will be missed Doris, but you will never be forgotten. I will always remember you as strong beautiful women, because that's what you were and still are .

Love, Vanessa. Francine's daughter

Vanessa - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

Patrice Blank - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM