



Wilma Boothe Fletcher

June 3, 1935 - June 7, 2019

Wilma Boothe Fletcher, born June 3, 1935 in Christiansburg, VA went to heaven on June 7, 2019. After several strokes and her second colon cancer in 2012, Wilma then resided at NHC Healthcare Bristol until her passing. Despite being bedridden most of this time, she maintained beautiful humility, spunk (the NHC CNA's and nurses can attest to this), humor, and avid book reading. Despite her illness, she rarely if ever complained, preferring to accept life's blows and make humor out of difficulty. She really displayed admirable courage, and always concentrated more on the needs and concerns of others rather than herself. Although not hesitant to provide gentle correction, her philosophy of life was that of love and forgiveness. She enjoyed telling stories of her fond memories of growing up in Christiansburg, VA, taking art courses at University of Florida, enjoying time with family in Bristol, and selling real estate. In Wilma's own words, her family and grandchildren were the joy of her life.

Wilma was valedictorian of Christiansburg High school in 1952. She met W. David Fletcher at Virginia Tech and they married one weekend after telling their parents they were going squirrel hunting. Wilma's mastery of English, spelling, shorthand, and typing on a manual typewriter, in addition to her striking beauty and kindness, helped her land jobs easily. Wilma took her real estate profession very seriously, working diligently to find the right house for her clients during her years at The Brown Agency, and Heritage Homes. She enjoyed being part of the 1900 Literary Club, Child Study Club, and the Border Guild / Junior League of Bristol. In the 1970's Wilma was affectionately known as the "Picture Lady" by Bristol area elementary school kids who she would visit monthly to teach art history. Wilma was an artist, loving charcoal, watercolor, and oil/acrylic media and won "Best in Show" for her "Flowers" painting in 1975. She enjoyed dancing with her family to an upbeat tune any time of day in the kitchen or living room. She loved cooking, reading, gardening, refinishing antiques, and making a good find at an auction. Wilma greatly enjoyed sewing (except for hemming our blue jeans from Park's Belk), and she made many of her own beautiful dresses. She loved her boxer dog "Honey" and they rode everywhere together in the car, and sunned together on the deck. As the English and spelling expert, she was chief editor for any family writing assignments from our grade

school days until near her passing. She enjoyed her “birthday club” of Dorothy Cooper, Angela Hopkins, Luann Crockett, and the late Mary Ann Little, and enjoyed her close friendship with the late Musser Warren. Always enjoying looking nice, Wilma was particular about getting her hair done by her stylists Mike Moore and Lynn Barker. Losing her first son Mark David Fletcher Sr. in 1996 to pancreatic cancer was immensely traumatic, with the love from friends, church and family helping her endure. Wilma’s worn bible was the King James. She attended State Street United Methodist Church for which she was particularly fond of the Fidelis class taught by the late Dr. Joe Hardwick.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents Harless and Reba Boothe, her son Mark David Fletcher Sr., and her niece Sherri Lynn Reynolds. She is survived by Dr. W. David Fletcher, son Steven L. Fletcher and wife Rebecca, their children Wesley Steven and Anna Kate, son Dr. Terry M. Fletcher, sister Bonnie Huff, daughters Wendy Dunham and husband Stephen, and Jennifer Mattox, grandchildren Mark David Fletcher Jr. and Robert W. Fletcher, their mother Carolyn Kistner Fletcher - Helton and husband Robert Helton; nephew Jon Fauble.

The Fletchers would like to express appreciation for the care provided by Hella Davidson - Wilma’s caretaker since 2012. Wilma frequently said that she could have never survived all she had gone through in the past several years without Hella’s loving attentive care. We would like to express great thanks to the wonderful CNA’s, nurses, doctors, social workers, all the administration, cleaning professionals, and cooks, at NHC Healthcare Bristol. We would like to express great appreciation to Dr. James Schrenker, Wilma’s wonderful primary care doctor for many years as well as her hospice physician, and to all the Caris Healthcare hospice professionals. We would like to express great thanks to Dr. Janet Rice and her wonderful team. We would like to greatly thank Dixie Dougherty for all her years of helping mom at her home.

Friends and family will be able to say a prayer, as Wilma requested, at the State Street United Methodist Church Chapel, and the family will receive friends in the adjacent Narthex and Parlor on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Crossroads Medical Mission, c/o State Street United Methodist Church, 300 West Valley Drive Bristol, VA 24201, Healing Hands Health Center, 245 Midway Medical Park, Bristol, TN 37620, or Girls Inc. of Bristol VA, 613 Highland Ave., Bristol, VA 24201.

Arrangements especially for Ms. Fletcher and her family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Events

JUN **Receiving of Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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State Street United Methodist Church
300 W. Valley Drive, Bristol, VA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - June 10 at 01:02 PM



“ Love this video! It is beautiful, and for some reason I have cried like a baby all the way through it, not sure why!! Love to all the Fletchers!!

tami cooper - June 11 at 11:34 PM



“ To David, Steve and Family:

It was with great sadness that I heard of Wilma's passing. She was always the consummate lady, always polite, professional and always very kind. I know that you are all missing her. I pray that the Lord will grant you comfort in the coming months as you grieve her loss. Sorry I was not able to attend her services. I had Bible School obligations at Euclid at the same time. But please be assured that I was thinking of you and praying for you.

All my sympathies. . . .

Jerry Wolfe

Jerry Wolfe - June 12 at 10:19 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wilma Boothe Fletcher.



June 10 at 09:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Boothe Fletcher.



June 10 at 04:36 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - June 10 at 12:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilma Boothe Fletcher.



June 10 at 08:57 AM



“ To the family of Mrs. (Wilma) Fletcher,
She was the kindest lady towards me. She was so gracious, beautiful, and had a great sense of humor. There was no doubt how much she loved her children. She always had a smile that gave great warmth to anyone she met. Her gentle words of great meaning, gave instruction and her desire to give us the push to be better than we thought we could be. I will never forget how kind she was to me, her great smiles, and her beauty both inside and out. I shall always remember how kind her children were to me, all showing the smiles that were definitely like Mrs. Fletcher's. I extend to her loved ones my sincere sympathy in the death of their very dear mother, loved one, and friend. She was a lady of great caring. I send my prayers to the Lord for each of you to be comforted, and the Lord holds you closely and brings you peace and love in your time of sorrow. Sincerely and with respect,
Judy Johnson Haga

Judy J. Haga - June 09 at 11:35 PM



“ The Fletcher's and the Cooper's were close families to one another through the years! I always appreciated Wilma bragging on me about my typing skills, as she did that on more than one occasion!! It made me feel so good!!! She and Mom were dear friends through the years, and they both would do nice things to help one another. I loved Wilma, as I love the Fletcher family, and am so sorry for your loss!! Hugs, love, and many prayers to all the family and friends who loved our Wilma!!!

Tami Cooper - June 09 at 07:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Boothe Fletcher.



June 09 at 10:10 AM



“ John and Janet Rice & staff of Rice Dental Arts purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Wilma Boothe Fletcher.



John and Janet Rice & staff of Rice Dental Arts - June 09 at 09:28 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.

Penny M Bishop - June 09 at 02:06 AM



“ I always adored Wilma Fletcher. She was a beautiful lady and great associate. I sold Real Estate with her and she was a joy to work with. She will be greatly missed. My condolences and prayers for her family. Jill Brewer

jill Brewer - June 08 at 09:14 PM



“ Susie Harris Dougherty lit a candle in memory of Wilma Boothe Fletcher



Susie Harris Dougherty - June 08 at 05:50 PM



“ So Sorry for your loss. I knew Wilma for many years. She loved her family dearly and was a pleasant person.

Marie Hodge, Realtor

Marie Hodge - June 09 at 12:10 PM



“ Wilma and I sold real estate together. We had such good times. Every time I saw her she was happy to see me. Prayers for her family

wanda sheppard - June 11 at 04:38 PM