



Wilma Leftwich

October 1, 1929 - November 9, 2020

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Wilma Jean Leftwich was born on Tuesday, October 1, 1929 in Kansas City, Kansas, the daughter of Albert G. and Flossie Mae (Hibbert) Andrews. She passed this life at her home in Broken Arrow on Monday, November 9, 2020. She was 91 years, 1 month and 8 days of age.

Wilma attended Columbian Grade School and was president of her 1947 graduating class at Rosedale High School in Rosedale, Kansas. She was married to James Dale Leftwich on December 12, 1948 in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was a love affair which began when Dale proposed to her in the third grade. Wilma's hobbies included candy making, cake decorating, baking Christmas goodie for family and friends and playing the piano. Wilma was a former member of Gracemont Baptist Church and director of Gracemont's Arts & Crafts Gala from its inception in 1999. She was a member of the National Thespian Society and a Greg Shorthand penmanship national award winner.

Speaker

She was the preliminary speaker to Mother Theresa at a 12,000 person "Voter for the Baby" Rally in Glasgow, Scotland. Wilma shared the Speaker's Platform with Constitutional Law Professor John Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute; Professor John Eidsmoe of Oral Roberts School of Law; Dr. Harold

Voth of The Menninger Clinic; Dr. Tim LaHaye, co-author of the Left Behind Series; The Gablers, textbook evaluators; Dr. D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries; President Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford; First Lady Barbara Bush; U.S. Congressmen Jack Kemp and Chris Smith; General Dan Graham; Dennis Prager (national radio talk show host); the Minority Whip of Australia's Parliament, members of the British Parliament, as well as Father Rapjohn of the Church of England. Wilma appeared several times on Marlin Maddoux national radio talk show "Point of View". She spoke at many pro-family state and national conventions, including Concerned Women for America, Eagle Forum, American Life League and Australia Right to Life. Her speaking, combined with her husband's occupation and their love for travel, took her to 16 foreign countries, 37 American states, and 2 U.S. Territories.

Politics

Prior to her husband serving as Chairman of the Tulsa County Republican Party, Wilma served from 1978 to 1980 as Party Vice Chairman. During their terms in office, the party hosted two presidents, a Secretary of State and numerous U.S. Congressmen and Senators. Within party activities she was best known for her influence on conservative party platforms in the area of public education and social causes. She and Dale were seen weekly at the Oklahoma Capital, lobbying for conservative causes, with her testifying at many committee, House and Senate hearings.

Education

During her 30 years as an education research analyst, she authored many tapes and white papers on the dangers of value-free sex education, the growing control of the federal government over education, the long-term goal of global curriculum, and the feminist socialist movement. She also conducted workshops and in-service teacher training on these subjects.

Wilma was on U.S. Senator Henry Bellmon's advisory committee on

education, as well as an invited participant at his Oklahoma Governor's Conference on Children, Family and Youth.

She was asked by U.S. Senator Don Nickles to participate in the Department of Education's Regional Hearings on the state of public education. Her testimony appears in U.S. government documents and books.

Abortion

Wilma's research tape on "The Case against Abortion" was played heavily throughout the south prior to the 1976 Presidential election.

Groups

Wilma was the Coordinator for the Oklahoma Coalition on Preservation of the Christian Family, a member of Tulsa Women for Responsible Legislation, The Committee for Research in Education, and the National Congress for Excellence in Education. She was an appointed delegate to Oklahoma International Women's Conference, an elected delegate to the White House Conference on Families in 1980, and a member of Hayhurst "Building Bridges" grief management support group coordinating their monthly dinners. She was a former national advisory board member of the American Life League.

Awards

Wilma was a Recipient of the Congress of Freedom Liberty Award, American Life League Unsung Hero Award, and Outstanding Honorary Oklahoma Eagle Award. She is listed in the 1997 edition of Marquis "Who's Who of American Women" and has received a Who's Who Complimentary Lifetime Achievement Award.

Activities

More recently, she has served as an occasional correspondent for

“Entertainment Weekly” magazine. With EW interviews and known as “Nanny”, her tongue-in-cheek critiques as an invited guest of ABC’s “Bachelor” and “Bachelorette” reality shows were heard on Sirius XM satellite radio shows. She attended “Bachelor” Sean & Catherine’s wedding in Santa Barbara, California.

Approach to life

Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end of the roll, the faster it goes!

Wilma was a member of First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow. The family requests memorials to Arms Around BA, 840 South Elm Place, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012.

Wilma is survived by, Son, Brion and wife Peg Leftwich, Olathe, KS; Daughter, Brenna and husband Steve Wolfe, Broken Arrow, OK; Grandchildren, Breia Brissey, Ian and fiancée Samantha, Brenton and wife Leslie, Aaron and wife Whitney; Great Grandchildren, Brooks, Micah, Adelyn, Gabriel, Judah, and Isaiah; Sister, Jackie and husband Gerald Fuchs, Kansas City, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by, her parents, Albert and Flossie; husband, Dale; grandson, David Michael Brissey.

PLACES I’VE BEEN AND THINGS I’VE SEEN & DONE

Been to top of Eiffel Tower, Paris, France.

Toured the Louvre seeing the Mona Lisa & Winged Victory.

Went to top of Sugar Loaf Mountain and Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Walked the beaches of Ipanema, Brazil.

Flown over the Amazon River (hey, it’s BIG!).

Seen European Alps.
Seen Southern Alps.
Saw Mt. Ruapehu Volcano erupt (New Zealand).
Seen the Blue Mountains, Australia.
Been in Opera House in Sydney, Australia.
Saw Parade of the Penguins on Phillip Island, Australia.
Drove to the Edge of the Outback.
Been in the Punch Bowl Crater in Hawaii.
Been to the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor.
Been in Glazier Bay in Alaska.
Lunched at Revolving Space Needle in Spokane, Washington.
Been to the foot of the Matterhorn (2 times).
Visited Shakespeare's home in Stratford on Avon.
Been through the International Salt Mines (500 feet underground) in Winsford, England.
Been through Westminster Abby.
Seen Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Square.
Seen London Bridge and Big Ben.
Seen the Queen's Royal Jewels.
Been through Southwark Cathedral in London where a Leftwich ancestor and 3 others erected a monument to William Shakespeare.
Looked over the Cliffs of Normandy and Omaha Beach Cemetery.
Been on Piz Gloria where James Bond "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" was filmed.
Ridden France's Bullet Train (TGV) – 279 miles per hour.
On 80th birthday rode in an 80 year old 12-seat single engine plane.
Whale watched in Hawaii and Alaska.
Attended ABC TV wedding of "The Bachelor", Sean & Catherine
Visited Beethoven's birthplace.
Looked for the Loch Ness Monster (Nessie) in Scotland.
Visited Jodrell Bank (outer space listening station in England).

Visited Roman Baths in Bath, England.
Visited Cheshire, the Walled City.
Kissed the Blarney Stone.
Visited Parliament in action.
Had tea at Lloyd's in London.
Rode Narrow Gauge Train from Durango to Silverton (old mining town).
Strolled down Champs-Élysées in France
Drove through Arc de Triumph.
Been through Cave of the Winds, Colorado.
Been through Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico.
Crossed the English Channel twice in James Bond hover craft.
Seen White Cliffs of Dover, England.
Lunched at Harrods Department Store.
Been through French Alps.
Been to the top of the Alps at Chamonix, France (Mont Blanc).
Visited The Hague in Belgium.
Walked on Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.
Drove on the Autobahn.
Walked the grounds of Stonehenge.
Drove over Lava Beds in Hawaii.
Visited Auschwitz.
Strolled Tulip Fields in Holland.
Roamed Dale's Family Grounds in Leftwich, England.
Walked over Roman ruins in Corbridge, England.
Walked along Hadrian's Wall.
Crossed where Hannibal crossed the Alps.
Attended church where Leftwich family attended in England.

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Graveside Service

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Leftwich*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I was very sad to hear the news, but so thankful for Brenna for stopping by with the program from the service. I had no idea that I was acquainted with such a celebrity. What an incredible life Wilma has led, and I know her memory will live on through her family. A donation to the Arms Around BA was left in her memory. It was honor to know Mrs. Leftwich. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

- Felix Ky

Felix Ky - February 05, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 17, 2020 at 12:28 PM

AF

“ I'm so thankful to have been able to see Aunt Wim in NYC on a few of her "Wim Takes Manhattan" trips! I think of her (and Brenna and Breia!) every time I pass by the restaurants we went to, and am comforted to have these memories of family while living so far from home. Love you, Aunt Wim.
~Andrew Fuchs

Andrew Fuchs - November 16, 2020 at 10:42 AM

JF

“ Though my sister was 7 years older than I, we shared a mountain of memories, most of them involving laughter. For instance, when we got together and before we parted ways until the next time, we always took a picture of us making silly faces, insuring that we ended our visit in laughter. It became a tradition and one I will miss terribly. I have friends who always looked forward to seeing those pictures. I loved my sister dearly and thank God for her. She was a true follower of Christ and openly lived her faith. Truly, for her, to live was Jesus and to die was gain (Phillipians 1:21). My heart is both sad and joyful--sad that she is no longer with us, but joyful knowing she has been given the Crown of Righteousness. I will miss her terribly until we meet again.

Jackie Fuchs

Jackie Fuchs - November 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We know how proud Wilma was of her family. Especially her son Brion. We really enjoyed seeing her at the music gigs and your birthday celebration lunch. It was an honor to get to meet her. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Sam & Lorna Crouch

Sam Crouch - November 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Memories Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 14, 2020 at 02:42 PM



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



November 13, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Wilma Leftwich.



November 12, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 12, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry* was purchased for the family of *Wilma Leftwich*.



November 12, 2020 at 02:31 AM



“ *John & Monica Andrews* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Wilma Leftwich*.



John & Monica Andrews - November 11, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *Louise & Bill Breland* purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of *Wilma Leftwich*.



Louise & Bill Breland - November 11, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Leftwich.*



November 11, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wilma Leftwich.*



November 11, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ *Deby lit a candle in memory of Wilma Leftwich*



Deby - November 11, 2020 at 07:15 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wilma Leftwich.*



November 10, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Leftwich.* ”



November 10, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 10, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Leftwich family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Wilma.* ”



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 09, 2020 at 02:23 PM