



## Laura Lou Bearden Smith Wilson

August 7, 1930 - December 2, 2013

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Laura Lou Bearden Smith Wilson, 83, of Maumelle, passed away December 2, 2013. She was born August 7, 1930, in Solgohachia, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by parents, Homer and Opal Lee McDaniel Bearden; husbands, Lewis Smith and Jim Wilson; grandson, Hunter Smith; and sisters,

Marian Lee Turner Yarborough and Nancy Koontz Gray.

Laura Lou is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Dawn Smith Gilmer, sons Daniel Andrew Smith, Jerry Lee Smith, and Timothy Earl Smith; grandchildren, Heath Gilmer, Meredith Gilmer Thompson, Anna Smith Collins, Katie Smith, Shelley Smith, and Laura-Marie Smith; great grandsons, Sam Gilmer and Robert Collins; and her sisters, Annette Warsing of North Little Rock and Jannette Bost of Morrilton.

She was a 1948 graduate of Morrilton High School. One of the early supermoms, a working mother of four small children in the early 1950s, she entered and won the Mrs. Arkansas contest. She was always a very active member of her church, serving as a popular youth-group leader in the 1960s. Employers and co-workers valued her enthusiasm, high performance and drive; friends valued her combination of passion and fun spirit.

Laura was in real estate for more than 30 years in Little Rock, achieving Lifetime Member status in the Million Dollar Sales Club. She received the Maumelle Citizen of the Year award in 1997 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International. She loved studying the Bible, gardening, painting, and traveling; and was very proud of her Bearden family/Solgohachia heritage.

Laura was a kind and loving woman, a great friend and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and mother-in-law. Always there for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, we knew how much she loved us all. Her wonderful personality and beautiful smile will always be remembered.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the sacrifice and service of Dawn Gilmer, Laura's daughter and her caregiver for many years, and to the staff of Stonehaven Assisted Living.

Memorial Service will be December 11 at First Baptist Church in Morrilton, Arkansas at 2:00 with arrangements by Harris Funeral Home, 501-354-4575.

Full obituary and online remembrances - [www.HarrisFuneralHomes.net](http://www.HarrisFuneralHomes.net).

Family suggests consideration of memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, to the Alzheimers Association at <http://goo.gl/GJYd1X>.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Lou Bearden Smith Wilson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I will miss you deeply. Loved you so much!!Your DaughterElizabeth Dawn Smith Gilmer*

**Dawn Smith Gilmer** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *I knew of Laura way before I met her, by reputation as being a great REALTOR! Then in 1991 she, Pegie Larrison & I all worked for Prudential McKay Properties and my respect for her grew daily. When Rusty Armstrong & I bought the company, Laura was with us from the start, being our 1st Principal Broker. She & Pegie were a great team! Real Estate lost a great REALTOR the day she retired. Now that is not to say she wasn't out spoken, because Rusty pulled his 'problem children' together one day, (George Campbell, Jim Gentry, Laura Wilson & me') to talk to us about how we handled 'other' agents. He said he was really proud of us and our handling of our clients & customers, that he had NEVER had a complaint from any of them, and he could only wish he could say the same about the way we handled other agents. Laura commented ' That they should learn how to do their job then!'. I hope that she taught me some of ways, she was a friend, an excellent agent with a generous heart. She will be missed!*

**Jerryanne Hill** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ So many great memories, that I will cherish forever. Memories like me and mom having tea time with you at Stonehaven for Mother's Day. I love you and miss you.

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**Meredith N Gilmer Thompson** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ i know a lot of men say that they have the best mother-in-law but Laura was the best. She was kind fair and always very loyal to her family. i will always remember the times the family gathered and regardless of her work schedules she was always there with us and made the time sepecial for each. She gave more than 100% to see that birthdays and Christmas'S were special for each and everyone. I will miss Laura very much bur know that she is in heaven with the loves her life (Lewis and Jim) as well as Big Momma and Big Daddy and her sisters.

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**James H Hilmer (Jim)** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ My best memories of aunt Laura Lou was going to her house on Church St. and playing under the weeping willow tree. She was a beautiful lady and will be missed. Love your niece nancy Kaypajwy

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**Nancy Kay Koontz Dold** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ Laura was one of the most gracious and graceful women I've ever known. Always positive. All of us in Maumelle will miss her sunny presence.

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**Bob Cullers** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ Mrs. Smith is how I will remember her. She would get us all off to school, with get your lunches hurry up boys u will be late. H Lots of memories of her, such a wonderful lady. Helped guide me while buying a house in 1998 made it so easy. Many visits with her while she was in Maumelle. Her spirit will live on in all of us. What a great lady  
Bless you all, Angie

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**Angie Porter** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS GOD BLESS PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY

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**Rickey McCOY** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM

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“ My prayers are with all of you.

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**Natalie Young** - June 29, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ My earliest memory of Mother - holding me in her lap and curling my hair with her fingers.  
My last best memory - her saying, "This is my son, Jerry!"  
My lifetime memory - her enduring love.  
My next time with Mother - when she again says, with fingers in my hair, "This is my son!"

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December 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM