



## Venita Wanell Wilson

October 16, 1936 - May 21, 2016

Venita Wilson

(nee Greve)

Age 79, of Coal City, IL, passed away Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. Born October 16, 1936 in Mineral Wells, TX to the late John and Ina (nee Chamberlin) Greve. Venita attained her Associates Degree at Lake Land College in Mattoon, IL. She was the loving wife of Pastor Avery Wilson, whom she married December 17, 1954 in Mineral Wells, TX. She has been a faithful, devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Coal City and fulfilled her duties as pastor's wife to the utmost. Venita served the church in many capacities. She was Leader of the WMU, she played piano, sang in the choir, and coordinated the missionary activities, to mention just a few of her contributions to the church. Venita had a passion for ancestry. She has compiled an extensive amount of history and pictures for her family to treasure.

Surviving are her husband, Avery; three sons, Rick (Peggy) Wilson of Coal City, Darwin (Elena) Wilson of Danvers, IL, and Dale (Glenda) Wilson of Lockport, IL; one daughter, Karen (Brian) Mumm of Streamwood, IL; seven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren; one brother, Weldon Greve of Mineral Wells, TX; niece Brenda Rushton; and great niece, Jessica Wilson.

Services will be at the First Baptist Church in Coal City. The visitation will be

Wednesday, May 25, 2016, from 5-8 p.m. and also Thursday, May 26, from 10-11 a.m. The funeral service will be Thursday, May 26, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor David Gilleland officiating.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

Inurnment will be private.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church-Coal City  
4470 East Route 113  
Mazon, IL 60444

## Visitation

MAY **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

MAY **26.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ET

“ Venita lived a life of missions! She was thoroughly committed to WMU. I appreciated her dedicated and excellent service as associational WMU Director! I have deep and abiding love and thanksgiving for Venita and Avery. Very, very strong and committed WMU missions woman.

*Evelyn Tully*

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**Evelyn Tully** - May 27, 2016 at 03:06 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are sent out to the family. From Dean and Minnie McKinney

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**Dean and Minnie McKinney** - May 26, 2016 at 07:08 AM

 Robin Long

“ I am saddened by the loss but so happy for Venita. She was a dear woman who touched many people. She will be missed so much. I pray God's peace that passes all understanding for her entire family. I will miss her sweet smile and laughter.

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**Robin Long** - May 25, 2016 at 09:19 PM

JH

“ Avery, you have my deepest sympathy, God knows how great she was, take care.

*Jim and Cathy Hutchings*

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**Jim Hutchings** - May 25, 2016 at 05:52 PM

MS

“ Avery, we are so sorry to learn about the passing of Venita. She was a very sweet, precious lady. We were hoping to get to see both of you again at a class reunion. We hope you will be comforted by the wonderful memories you and your family have. We love you!  
Murray and Joann Sullivan

Murray and Joann Sullivan - May 25, 2016 at 04:16 PM

JL

“ So loved Venita. She had that warm sincere smile that let you know she cared about whatever you were saying. She and Pastor Avery are two people I have been blessed to know.  
Janie Lawson - Richmond, VA


Janie Lawson - May 25, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Venita Wanell Wilson.



May 25, 2016 at 02:47 PM

 Denise  
Reeder  
Ohr

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your dear Matriarch. What a treasure she was to so many of us. I will never forget how wonderful she was. From my times as a young girl at FBC to my adult years her friendship and love has been my blessing. Pastor Avery, I send you all my love and prayers.  
Love Always, Denise (Reeder) Ohr

Denise Reeder Ohr - May 24, 2016 at 07:56 PM

KD

“ I will always have fond memories of dear Venita. She was a true woman of faith and I am blessed for having known her. She had a great sense of humor and I especially enjoyed singing in the choir with her or performing in the community cantatas. Having just lost my mother eight months ago, I know how much you're going to miss her, her gentle spirit and her beautiful smile. May God grant you peace and strength during your grieving and may the happy memories become stronger than the sadness. God bless all of you!  
Kris Davidson

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**Kris Davidson** - May 24, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ Guardian Wings Frame was purchased for the family of Venita Wanell Wilson.



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May 24, 2016 at 04:40 PM

LM

“ The Hayti Class of 1953 sends our sincere sympathy. Will be sending a remembrance to your home soon. God bless you and your family, Avery.  
Louise Tull Mathis and all class members.

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**Louise Mathis** - May 24, 2016 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ *The Day Family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Venita Wanell Wilson.*



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**The Day Family** - May 24, 2016 at 03:34 PM

SA

“ *My sincere sympathy to Avery and family. You were all such a strong support for me during my early teaching days. I will forever be grateful. May the love and grace of God, the thoughts and prayers of friends and family, and the passing of time help to ease the pain of Venita's passing.*

*God's best! Sam and Sharon Aldridge*

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**Sam Aldridge** - May 24, 2016 at 11:33 AM

EA

“ *Ethel, Donna, Rolland, Patty , and Allen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Venita Wanell Wilson.*



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**Ethel, Donna, Rolland, Patty , and Allen** - May 24, 2016 at 10:46 AM

KP

“ *Such a lovely neighbor. We were truly blessed to have known her. Thinking of you all.*

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**Kristine Perino** - May 24, 2016 at 08:48 AM

EL

“ sorry to hear about Venita love you all. we will all get to see her in heaven. Prayers for all the family.

eva linn - May 23, 2016 at 11:08 PM

  
Rebecca  
Henry

“ Such a precious, kind and caring person in Christ. Helped me with encouragement and knowledge of what to expect with open heart surgery. She was such a blessing to see and talk with anything about with great enthusiasm. I am so blessed to have known this beautiful lady. God bless and thank you, Miss Venita...xoxoxo

Rebecca Henry - May 23, 2016 at 10:08 PM

AC

“ Avery & family, Keeping all in my prayers. Sorry for U'R loss. Venita was A wonderful person 2 everyone she met. I know she will be missed. Heaven has gained another angel.. Hugs & Love 2 all of the family. Audrey Meek Cooke.



Audrey Meek Cooke - May 23, 2016 at 09:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Venita Wanell Wilson.



May 23, 2016 at 04:06 PM