



Jane Wiley

September 17, 2021

Edith Jane Wiley, 88, died peacefully on September 17, 2021. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 7, 1933, the daughter of John and Florence Wilson. Jane grew up in Philadelphia with her younger siblings John David Junior (Jackie) and Florence, who Jane lovingly helped care for as they grew. The family moved to New Jersey in Jane's teenage years, where Jane would later start her own family and stay for many years. Jane married James Sherwin Wiley Junior on January 17, 1956 and together they raised three children: Brenda Joy, David, and James (Jimmy) Thompson. The family spent years moving across the United States with the U.S. Army, spending time in Virginia, Michigan, and Texas, but always returned to Gloucester County, New Jersey, where Jane called home. In 2014, Jane moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico to be close to her two sons.

Throughout her life, Jane's faith, love of music, and family were constant. She became a church organist at the age of 18 and would continue for over 60 years. Jane served as organist and Music Director at Elmer Presbyterian Church for many years, where she and husband, James, were cornerstones of the community. Jane was many things to many people: a devoted wife, loving mother, caring grandmother, loyal friend, skillful music teacher, and selfless member of the community.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, brother, husband, and daughter. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Florence and George Schaub; son David and partner Mark Watson of Albuquerque, NM; son Jimmy and partner Ronnie Apodaca of Albuquerque; granddaughters, Nicole Donnelly of Highlands, NJ, Melissa Donnelly of Philadelphia, PA, and Melinda Donnelly of Washington, DC; and two great grandsons, Jackson Tierney and Everett Donnelly-Schmeer.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 11 AM at Wenonah Cemetery, 390 Wenonah Avenue, Mantua, NJ 08051. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in memory of Jane Wiley to the First Presbyterian Church of Elmer, PO Box 553, Elmer, NJ 08318.

Cemetery Details

Wenonah Cemetery

390 Wenonah Avenue
Mantua, NJ 08051

Previous Events

Graveside

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a sweet and gentle lady "Aunt Jane" was! She never failed to attend a family birthday party while in New Jersey. My sincere condolences Aunt Flossie, Jimmy, David and the rest of her family. She obviously loved each of you very much and I know she will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers going up for you all.*

Faith DeWalt

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One of the great people I have known and a sister in the Lord. She found Jesus very early in life and lived as a strong Christian. She always had a camera to take pictures. She seemed to live at the church as her and Jim were always there helping with something. She was such a loving person. Always ready willing and able to get involved. We will miss her but we will see her again in heaven. It was a pleasure to have had her as a friend. Cheryl and Manny

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