



## Nelda J.E. Wilkinson

March 8, 1937 - September 4, 2024

Nelda Mayfield Wilkinson went to be with her Lord on September 4, 2024. She was born March 8, 1937 in Mayfield, daughter of the late John F. and Ercy Brown Mayfield.

She attended elementary school at the old Mayfield School in Mayfield and graduated from Patton High School in 1955.

Nelda gave her life to Christ and was baptized in 1950 by Leo Thurston in the creek behind the Church of Christ in Marble Hill, Missouri. She was a member of the Senior Sunday School Class at Cape Bible Chapel.

She met her soul mate, Franklin (Frankie) Wilkinson in 1951. On November 26, 1955, they were married in the Church of Christ, Marble Hill, Mo. They had 64 wonderful years together before Frankie went to his new home in 2018.

Early 1960's, after Frankie graduated from Hadley Tech in St. Louis, the family moved to Patton, Mo. to their little 30-acre farm. Frankie purchased a service station known as Frank's Gulf Service in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Nelda and Frankie were parents to two sons, Ricke and Randy. Nelda was a homemaker and bookkeeper for her husband's business, Cub Scout Leader and Sunday school teacher.

In the mid 60's she and Frankie purchased an RV. They were blessed to be able to take the boys on many trips and visited all 48 states in the RV.

In the mid-70s, Frankie retired. This gave them the opportunity to travel outside the United States. During the next several years, they were privileged to travel to 18 different countries. In later years they were blessed to spend

their winters in Texas.

The foreign travels led Nelda to her hobby of collecting writing/advertising pens. This hobby continued until her death with her collection reaching 24,195 pens. She also had an interest in genealogy.

She is survived by two sons, Ricke and wife Suzann Wilkinson of Floyds Knobs, Ind., Randy Wilkinson of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren, Jessica and husband Jeremy Myers of Wentzville, Jordan and wife Isabel Wilkinson of St. Louis, Danny Wilkinson of Floyds Knobs, IN and Katelyn Singh and husband Jonty of Las Vegas, NV. There are six great-grandchildren, Jaelyn, Jackson and Julia Myers in Wentzville, Leopold and Oliver Willdnson in St. Louis and Hradhaan Singh.

Waiting for her in Heaven is her beloved Frankie, who went ahead in 2018 and her beautiful little granddaughter, Justine who has been waiting since 1987. Also preceding her was her father, John F. Mayfield, 1887-1968, her mother Ercy Brown Mayfield, 1897-1960.

Nelda was the last sibling of her family. Also preceding her were three brothers, Eston Mayfield, 1915-1995, Marrel (Toots) Mayfield, 1919-2007, and Don Mayfield, 1940-2017, one sister, Alene Mayfield Cook, 1922-1990.

A wake will occur on September 14, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 at Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn. A Graveside Service will follow at Cape Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Wake

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel  
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Graveside Service

SEP 14. 12:00 PM.

Cape County Memorial Park

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dorinda and all of your friends at GTS purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nelda J.E. Wilkinson.



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**Dorinda and all of your friends at GTS** - September 13, 2024 at 04:38 PM

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“ Dorinda and all of your friends at GTS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nelda J.E. Wilkinson.

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**Dorinda and all of your friends at GTS** - September 13, 2024 at 04:38 PM

JM

“ To Nelda's family, I want to extend my love and prayers. Nelda was a very special lady in my books. Although I only knew her for a few years, I have hundreds of special memories of her and several of those memories included the times we just talked, mainly about family. She loved her family dearly and I was blessed by her sharing that love with me. I will greatly miss our many texts, emails, and visits.

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**Joan McPherson** - September 06, 2024 at 06:33 PM

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*It feels as if I've known your dear mother and grandmother all my life from reading this beautiful obituary. I only wish I had met her before she passed but believe when we do meet on that beautiful shore, we'll be fast friends for all eternity! Prayers for your comfort and strength in this very difficult time.*

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**Dotti Carter (Cory Duncan's grandmother)** - September 12, 2024 at 10:20 PM