



Freda Maxine Wilmoth

August 9, 1934 - November 7, 2023

Peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones at her home, Freda Maxine Wilmoth, resident of Gentry, Arkansas, went to be with her Heavenly Father on November 7, 2023. She was born on August 9, 1934 in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. She was the second of three daughters born to Louis Alanzo and Beulah Mae (Luther) Luttrell.

Freda was married to Ross, the love of her life and a World War II veteran, for 53 years. They began their family north of Gentry on a dairy farm. They later were able to buy the Compton farm, one mile west of the dairy farm, which is now known as the Safari. Ross and Freda continued farming, raising beef cattle, and had two poultry farms.

Ross and Freda had a mutual love for nature and animals. It all began with three buffalo, and from there they were able to create a farm with native and exotic animals. In the mid '70s, they established Wild Wilderness Drive Through Safari. They provided an educational and family-oriented park for visitors from all states and many countries. Freda loved greeting visitors at the ticket office and smiling and handing out peacock feathers as they left.

Freda is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ross Leon Wilmoth, her sister Marjorie Lawson Hart, and her grandson Jarod Clint Hook.

Freda is survived by her eight children: Linda Hook & husband Floyd, Ross Leon Wilmoth Jr & wife Gayla, Lewis Wilmoth, Freddy Wilmoth & wife Patricia (Sissy), Sheva Thompson & husband Butch, Lisa King & husband Bobby, Charles Wilmoth & wife Kathy, and Chana Kooistra & husband Aaron. All eight children still live within ten miles of the home place. Nana Freda loved her many grandchildren: Jason, Kristen, Trey, Josh, Harry, Angela, Jessica, Casey, Freddy Mack, Jaiden, Branton, Sara, Megan, Meranda, Abigail, Jaxon, and Gavin, and also a host of great grandchildren. She also is survived by her youngest sister, Betty Nance Thurman of Siloam Springs, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends whom she loved and loved her very much.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2023, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 11, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Gentry, Arkansas, followed by a procession to Falling Springs Cemetery in Decatur, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Falling Springs Cemetery Association at 8901 Iva Rd, Decatur, AR 72722 or White Oak Cemetery Association at P.O. Box 622, Tontitown, AR 72770.

Cemetery Details

Falling Springs Cemetery

Falling Springs Cemetery
Decatur, AR 72722

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
221 W Main St
Gentry, AR 72734
(479) 736-2646

Tribute Wall

LF

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. May you find comfort in memories of her beautiful life.

Loree Foreman and Ron Ramsey

Loree Foreman - November 12, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 10, 2023 at 03:06 PM

GB

“ Georgiann Buck lit a candle in memory of Freda Wilmoth



Georgiann Buck - November 10, 2023 at 01:54 PM

RE

“ Renea Ellis lit a candle in memory of Freda Wilmoth



Renea Hill Ellis - November 10, 2023 at 01:16 PM

AR

“ Audie, Rhonda and Erin Reaper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.

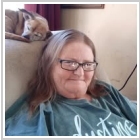
Audie, Rhonda and Erin Reaper - November 10, 2023 at 07:51 AM

AR

“ Audie, Rhonda and Erin Reaper purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



Audie, Rhonda and Erin Reaper - November 10, 2023 at 07:51 AM



“ Sending Hugs and Prayers to all the family.
With Love,
Debbie (Woods) Gehrke



Deb Woods Gehrke - November 09, 2023 at 07:53 PM

JD

“ As a youngster living for even the short time in Gentry I remember the kindness shown to me by Mrs Wilmoth. I admired her and your whole family very much. Judy Harms Davis

Judy Harms Davis - November 09, 2023 at 07:04 PM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Freda Wilmoth



Liz Reading - November 09, 2023 at 01:56 PM

HT

“ Hershey International Supply Chain Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.

Hershey International Supply Chain Team - November 09, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 09, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.

November 09, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 09, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 09, 2023 at 12:11 PM



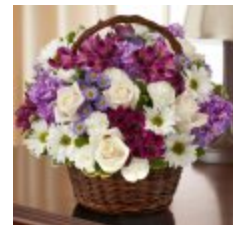
“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 09, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 09, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Lewis (and family) I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I remember when I was in high school cleaning chicken houses for your dad, Ross. She always wanted to feed us. She was always a wonderful Christian lady. I will be thinking about you and praying for you. God Bless, Jim Taylor*

Jim Taylor - November 09, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *jeannie & girls lit a candle in memory of Freda Wilmoth*



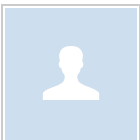
jeannie Taylor & girls - November 09, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.*



November 09, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.*



November 09, 2023 at 09:02 AM

TS

“ The Shepherds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.

The Shepherds - November 08, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.



November 08, 2023 at 11:05 PM

VW

“ Freda was always so kind and sweet to me. My prayers to each of you. I'm sure you will miss her greatly.

Villa Waltz - November 08, 2023 at 07:35 PM

LG

“ Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Freda Wilmoth



Lynne Glass - November 08, 2023 at 07:07 PM

B(

“ So sorry for your loss. Lots of wonderful memories from many years ago. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Betty (Glass)Southerland - November 08, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Freda Maxine Wilmoth.*



November 08, 2023 at 06:52 PM