

Unending devotion



Margaret and G.L. Wilcher aspired to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, with Margaret making notes for the celebratory announcement. Sadly, she passed away a few days before the anniversary date of March 23.

Wilchers separated days before celebrating golden anniversary

A love that transcended decades, and nearly 50 years of marriage and family, didn't end with the recent passing of a beloved wife and mother. According to family members, it was Margaret Pedigo Wilcher's final wish to celebrate her golden wedding anniversary with husband G.L. Wilcher. The couple wed March 23, 1968; however, Margaret's dream didn't come to fruition because she passed away on March 14.

The couple met when she was 13, but didn't date until Margaret was 17. After dating a year, it was evident to both that marriage and family together were their future. As a senior at Central High School, Margaret exchanged vows with G.L., then age 24, in a ceremony performed by Central Church of Christ minister Winston Tynes at his Spring Street home. G.L.'s close friend, and boss, Bill Tynes served as his best man. Following a weekend honeymoon in Manchester, Margaret returned to her family home and studies at Central. G.L. returned to his job in East Tennessee as a telephone lineman.

Following her graduation from Central, the couple moved to Elizabethton to reside and start a family. After moving back to McMinnville, Margaret became a bus driver for the Warren County School System, and later worked at Aquatech. A testament to her love for the students she shuttled to school each day was her nomination by bus students for a prestigious Sunshine Award from veteran Channel 4 weatherman and anchor Bill Hall, which she received from the station. Today, as he has been for many years, G.L. is employed at the Learning Center for Bridgestone where he teaches auto mechanics for Union 1155. He has been a mechanic for 60 years, believes working is good, and has no plans for retirement.

The couple are parents to two children, George Blaine Wilcher and Michael Shane Wilcher. Their grandchildren include Mike and Lindsey Mooneyham, Kelsey Wilcher, Zoe Wilcher, Annie Wilcher and Issac Wilcher.

The family continues to be active at Day Springs Community Church which they've called home for 33 years.

BEST WISHES

Southern Standard readers are invited to extend happy birthday and anniversary best wishes to friends and loved ones through this weekly column. Please submit your messages by our noon deadline each Thursday. No more than three wishes to any individual, please.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- March 31** – Happy 13 birthday Dalton Bess. Love, Nana and Pa.
April 1 – Happy birthday Louise Moore. Love, your family.
April 1 – Big birthday wishes to Isabella Wiggins. We love you, your family.
April 2 – Happy birthday Darlene.
April 6 – David Moore, happy birthday to you. Love, your family.
April 6 – Happy birthday April Taylor. Hope you are up and running soon. Love, your friends and family.



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