



Donna Elise Wilsker
June 9, 1950 - Decemeber 1, 2017

Donna Elise Wilsker, RN, MSN, aged 67, passed away in Beaumont, on Friday, December 1, 2017. At the time of her passing, she was surrounded by beloved family and friends. Up until her death, Donna was an Associate Professor of Nursing at Lamar University, where she served for nearly 40 years.

Born Donna Elise Garbis in Bayonne, NJ, to Benjamin and Lillian Garbis in June of 1950, Donna always wanted a career in the medical field. To accomplish her lifelong goal, she attended the University of Bridgeport (Connecticut) as a Dana Scholar, graduating with a BSN in 1971. Immediately after graduation, Donna enrolled in the MSN program at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, where she graduated with her Master's in 1972. Donna was then employed as an Instructor of Nursing at Catholic University, in Washington, DC. While at Catholic University, Donna was recruited by the University of Maryland to teach in the growing Army nursing school at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing, known better by the acronym "WRAIN." In 1977, with the closing of WRAIN, Donna moved to Beaumont where she was hired by the Lamar University Nursing Program.

Serving the community was one of her core beliefs, and Donna had always been extensively involved in community service,

actively serving on the boards and in executive positions of several area non-profits including the Alzheimer's Association, and the Eta Mu sorority. Most recently, she served as Board President of the Rape and Suicide Crisis Center, a position that she has held for over 20 years. Donna's extensive contributions to community service were recognized with the Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award in 2010.

After being fixed up on a blind date, Donna met her life's love, Ira Wilsker; they were married in 1973 and were married for 44 years. Together, they enjoyed camping, fishing, and travelling around the country.

In addition to her husband Ira, she is survived by her loving family including her four daughters. Donna was exceptionally proud of her children, often boasting of their academic achievements which included two high school valedictorians, one salutatorian, four bachelor's degrees, four master's degrees, a law degree, and a PhD. Her children are Tammy Mermelstein of Houston; Dr. Amanda Wilsker of Suwanee, Georgia; Lesley Wallace of Wylie, Texas, and Dara Connor of Oxford, Pennsylvania. Donna also loved her six granddaughters who are living in Texas, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. She is also survived by her brother, Gary Garbis of Florida.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;*

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
path of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;*

for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

*Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.*

*Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

El Maley Rachamim

O, G-d, full of compassion. Thou who dwellest on high!
Grant perfect rest beneath the sheltering wings of Thy
presence, among the holy and pure who shine as the
brightness of the firmament unto the soul of

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who has gone unto eternity. Lord of mercy, bring her under
the cover of Thy wings, and let her soul be bound up in the
bond of eternal life. Be thou her possession, and may her
repose be peace. Amen



יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא
 כְּרַעוּתֵהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן
 וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעָגְלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב
 וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba. B'al-ma di-v'ra
 chi-ru-tei, v'yam-lich mal-chu-tei b'chai-yei-chon
 u-v'yo-mei-chon u-v'chai-yei d'chol beit Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la
 u-viz-man ka-riv, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלָם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:
 Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam ul'al-mei al-mai-ya.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
 וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא
 לְעָלָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכָּתָא וּשְׁיִרְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא
 וְנַחֲמַתָּא, דְּאִמְרִין בְּעָלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam
 v'yit-na-sei, v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-leh v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei
 d'ku-d'sha, b'rich hu. L'ei-la min kol bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta,
 toosh-b'cha-ta v'ne-che-ma-ta da-a-mi-ran b'a-l'ma, v'i-m'ru:
 A-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
 יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Y'hei sh'la-ma ra-ba min sh'ma-ya v'cha-yim a-lei-nu v'al kol
 Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל
 כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu
 v'al kol Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

Mourner's Kaddish English Translation

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

Memorial Service

Sunday, December 3, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel - McFaddin

Beaumont, Texas

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Private Interment

Hebrew Rest Cemetery

Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Rape and Suicide Crisis Center of Southeast Texas

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Beaumont, Texas 77704



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