



## Wilda Jane McMahan Spillers

November 27, 1923 - September 22, 2021

Wilda Jane McMahan Spillers, 97, of Springdale, died peacefully Wednesday, September 22, 2021. She was born November 27, 1923, in Apache, Oklahoma, the daughter of Andrew Jackson McMahan and Florence Myers McMahan.

She grew up in Apache, feeling fortunate to live near all four grandparents. After earning an AA degree from Cameron Junior College, Lawton (now Cameron University), she married Bud Bryce Binning in 1944. They raised their two children in Midwest City and Tulsa. In 1973 Jane married G. C. Spillers, Jr.

Jane loved reading, especially 19th century novels, listening to music at full volume, and adding to her lifelong bird list. She and Cleve amassed an extensive collection of books and classical music LPs and nurtured a yard overflowing with trees and flowers. She also loved making things with her hands, from furniture and clothing to pottery and weavings. She was well known for her sense of color, design, and style.

She was active in the Women's Day Alliance of All Souls Unitarian Church and was a member of many art museums and art, political groups, and nature organizations.

She is preceded in death by her parents, by sister Phyllis Jo Hoge, and by her two husbands.

She is survived by sister, Dee Sligar, Dallas, TX; daughter, Pam Pearce (Larry), Fayetteville, AR; son, J. Keith Binning, Springdale, AR; grandsons David L. Pearce (Melissa), Santa Fe, NM; John A. Pearce (Marica), Jericho, VT; and great-grandson Thomas W. Pearce, VT; and nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by stepson Robert H. Spillers (Diane), Rancho de Taos, NM; stepdaughter Leigh Tate, Galatia, IL; three step-grandchildren Hadley Hope, Carly Watson, and Kristin Cresswell; and two step-grandsons Keith and Alexander Watson.

The family thanks Burgundy Place (Tulsa) and Arkanshire (Springdale) for helping Jane through her last years with Parkinson's disease. We especially send heartfelt gratitude to her many hardworking and thoughtful caregivers from NAPS, LLC and Good Shepherd In-Home Senior Care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gilcrease Museum, Public Broadcasting Service (OETA or AETN), All Souls Unitarian Church, or a charity of your choice.

A service at a later date will be announced. Cremation arrangements are by Moore's Chapel.

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Moores Chapel** - September 28 at 12:58 PM



“ Thank you for this lovely collection of photos. It evokes intense feelings of love and loss.

**Ermon Vandy** - September 30 at 06:07 PM

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“ Jane and Cleve were much loved next door neighbors to my parents, Jim and Bette Ivey, on Birmingham Place in Tulsa for several decades. I remember the beautiful textiles she made on her loom. She needed a whole room to hold that apparatus! She was so creative. They and my parents so enjoyed working in their respective yards. They loved to share garden lore and tree care wisdom with one another. We were lucky to count Jane as a dear friend. She brought beauty to this world. With deepest sympathy, Susan Ivey

**Susan Ivey** - October 04 at 10:14 PM

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“ Such a lovely, gracious lady! I will remember her beautiful woven pieces, the fascinating art in her home, and her yard of daffodils. Thanks, Jane, for sharing your world with me.

Sheila Hellen

**Sheila Hellen** - October 03 at 07:03 PM

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“ My aunt Janie had snow white hair, creamy complexion and dressed to the nines everyday receiving compliments on how beautiful she was everyday. She knitted on her loom and baked ceramics in her kiln, a voracious reader, loved the arts and she shared a heart full of love. These are just a few memories I cherish of the aunt most dear.

Andrea Jean (Barker, McMahon) Heaberg

Andrea Heaberg - October 01 at 04:31 PM

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“ Pam, Larry, Keith, David and John, I salute the love and care you gave Jane for many decades, and I know sharing spirit with you all enriched her later years even more. I'll remember her as beautiful beyond her stunning appearance, which was magnified by natural grace and talent. When greeting her I was struck by her welcoming poise and full attention to those around her. RIP, Jane, after a life fully lived.

Judy B. Goss - September 30 at 01:05 PM