



## Wilma J Snell

January 24, 1934 - August 25, 2022

### WILMA JEAN SNELL

Wilma Jean Snell was born on January 24, 1934, in Brundidge, Alabama to James Orinton and Minnie Jewel Fournoy McGuire, she was the fifth of six children. She transitioned this life quietly on Thursday August 25, 2022, at The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods at the age of 88.

She graduated from Pike County Training school in 1952. On Christmas Day 1955 she married Willie Odis Snell also from Brundidge and began her life as a military spouse and for 20+ years she and their two children, Sharon and Steven, accompanied him to postings in PA, KY, Germany, OH, MA. The family finally settled in VA after his retirement from Fort Belvoir and while most of her life was spent as a homemaker when she came to Virginia in the 1970's she trained and found employment and lifelong friends, as a library aide in the Fairfax County Library System. Wilma also found friends and fellowship as a faithful member of the Protestant congregation Fort Belvoir Chapel where she helped arrange flowers and ushered.

Wilma was soft spoken and her quiet demeanor was not suggestive of her creative genius. She had many interests, she knitted, crocheted, did needlepoint and cross stitch and other types of needle art. She also loved quilting and did exquisite work in Japanese embroidery for which she won

awards at the annual Woodlawn Needlework Show and Loudoun Needlework Exhibition. Wilma was also a member of various guilds: Sampler Guild of Loudoun County, American Needlepoint Guild and the Embroidery Guild of America to name a few.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sisters: Armishers Johnson, James Etta Wilson, Ocriea King Berry, sister-in-law Eloise McArthur and brother-in-law Beathell Snell. She leaves to remember her always her daughter Sharon, her son Steven (Laura), grandchildren Joshua and David her brother James Flournoy McGuire and sister Maxine Owens as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Wilma will be inurned with her husband, Willie Snell, in a private ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Service

SEP 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery  
1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Wilma J Snell



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - September 12, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ Wilma J Snell

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Jean was my Mother in law. Kind, gentle, but strong. She will be missed, especially by those privileged to call her “mama Jean”. We love her.

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**lori snell** - September 27, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ Wilma was a beloved friend and valued stitching colleague to me in my Japanese Embroidery life. We drove together to class for many years (an hour each way!) and talked of many happy, sad, strange and wonderful things. Sometimes she came to my house to stitch and we'd take a little lunchtime walk down to the lake in my neighborhood. She was wonderful company and I will miss her.  
Karen Bouton

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**Karen Bouton** - September 27, 2022 at 11:02 AM