



Barbara Jean Wilson Wood

January 30, 1928 - April 3, 2025

Barbara Jean Wilson Wood, age 97, passed away on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Grand Strand Medical Center.

Barbara Jean Wilson Wood was the only child of Harry Harrison Wilson and Pauline Pilmer Wilson. She was born in Alliance, Ohio, graduating from AHS. While there, was head majorette, danced in the Fall Varities, danced with her partner at the Va's, entertaining the patients there, and played on the boys golf team. (No girls team then).

Barbara received a BA degree from Mount Union College. She was a majorette with the college band, affiliated with the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity.

Her adventurous life began at the age of 10 when she was the first unaccompanied minor to fly on a commercial airline.

She married Jay William Wood and celebrated their 60th Anniversary before his death in 2011. She and Jay traveled extensively in their motor home.

Barbara taught elementary school for 30 years, retiring in 1983.

She was president of the Marlington Teachers Association and of the East Central Ohio Education Association.

She was a life Member of the Ohio Education Association and the National Education Association. She was an elected delegate to both at their conventions. She also held a position in the OEA. She was also a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma.

After she and Jay retired, they moved to Myrtle Beach, SC, playing in tennis tournaments where they were both ranked with their doubles partners. She and Jay were directors of the Grand Strand Tennis Tournament for 15 years and that tournament won the state senior tournament of the year in 1992. They also directed the Fall League for 15 years.

During her involvement in golf, she was Ladies Champion at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Alliance and played in several Pro, AM tournaments. Barbara was an experienced equestrian who owned Yoyo, a Tennessee Walker and Morgan. She recently retired as the Good Sam Camping Organization Secretary, a position she held for 9 years.

Barbara and Jay have 3 children: Michal Kaye Idle (Robert), Jeffrey Wilson Wood of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Gregory Wilson Wood. There are 3 grandchildren; Jay Robert Idle Chanchun, China, Jerrod Ross Idle (Katherine) of Palm Valley, TX, and Jeremy Michael Idle (Mandi), Westerville, OH. Two great grand daughters, Hailey and Zoey of Palm Valley, TX

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Miracle League at www.gsmiracleleague.com, or SC Cares at www.sccares.org.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall



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“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Barbara Jean Wilson Wood

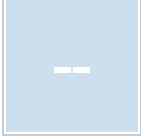


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“ Sending sincere sympathy to you & Greg. I didn't know you lost your mom. Thinking of you both. Hugs & prayers! 🙏❤️

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