



Renate Gertrude Wilson

May 12, 1939 - June 25, 2021

Conway...

Renate G. Wilson, age 82, passed away Friday, June 25, 2021.

Renate was born May 12, 1939 in Berlin, Charlottenburg, Germany. She was the daughter of the late Franz Bottcher and Else Regber Bottcher. Renate's father passed when she was young, so she was raised by her mother and had one sister. They were very poor and would sell cigarettes to help her mom buy food, which consisted of a few slices of bread.

Renate married Geary Evans Wilson on March 2, 1961 while he was stationed in Germany. She became a U.S. Citizen on August 26, 1969, which is something she was so proud of. She would always say that people in America did not know how lucky they were to live in a free country and to have opportunities to be whatever they wanted to be.

In Germany, she could not listen to a radio. She learned English and her first job was scrubbing big pots in a restaurant. She was a hard worker and believed that whatever job you had, to always do your best.

Renate later started a job at AVX, where she retired after 32 years. She had a soft spot for kids and loved to help people in need. She would save loose

change in a jar and when she got enough money, she would take some elderly people that did not get out of the house much and go for pizza. During the holidays, she would give to those in need.

If she did not agree with you about something, she would voice her own opinion. She loved to go shopping, go out to eat, and get her nails done. She had a secret recipe for German potato salad and only shared it with her special friend. It will always be their secret.

When Renate was in the assisted living, she wanted to buy roses for some of the nurses that helped her. In the last facility, she bought pizza for the residents on her floor.

Along with her parents, Renate was predeceased by her husband, Geary Evans Wilson, who passed in 2000.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Rev. John Holmes officiating.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ So very sorry to hear of her passing. I have very fond members of her and Mr. Geary! She will be dearly missed.

Michelle Johnson - February 09, 2025 at 11:23 PM

HD

“ so sorry to hear about the passing of a sweet friend and co worker. Renate was a hard worker. she will be missed by anyone that knew her,



Harriette Davis - July 01, 2021 at 09:12 PM

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“ YOUR PRESENCE WILL BE MISSED AT OUR FAMILY GATHERINGS. AS WELL AS YOUR POTATO SALAD.



ANN - June 28, 2021 at 04:35 PM