



Gretchen R Wilson

June 15, 1938 - July 18, 2024

Gretchen R. Wilson age 86 of Ashland, passed away at Brethren Care Village on July 18, 2024. She was born on June 15, 1938 in Norwalk to the late Edwin E. and Hazel E. (Hoerr) Prange.

Gretchen is survived by her children Mark A. (Melissa) Wilson, Mansfield, and Scott E. (Kara Page) Wilson, Ashland, grandchildren Brandon Bond. She is preceded in death her brother Richard E. Prange, and sister Rachel J. Prange.

Gretchen received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and retired as a nurse from Dr. Davis' office in Ashland. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Ashland.

A funeral service will be held on Friday July 26, 2024 at 1:00pm at Bringman Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Barry Halter officiating. Interment will follow at Schoenberger Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Friday July 26, 2024 from 11:00 – 1pm at Bringman Clark Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or the Trinity Lutheran Church of Ashland in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. To extend a condolence or share a memory visit www.BringmanClark.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **26.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gretchen R Wilson*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - July 22, 2024 at 01:41 PM

CN

“ *Offering sympathy and prayers to you and her family. We grew up together here in Berea and shared many good times.*
Carol Barnes

carol Narned - July 25, 2024 at 10:14 PM

KG

“ *Aunt Gretchen had such a vivacious and spunky personality, all of her days. She was always kind, generous, thoughtful, and giving. She handled grief and loss with perspective and grace. She was persistently cheerful and could chat with anyone.*
Aunt Gretchen had an open door to her family and relished visits and gabbing. I never heard a harsh word from her. She was loving, honest, and kind in every interaction I ever had with her.
You were a wonderful, respectful mother, a fun aunt, and a dear friend. The world is a little dimmer without you - but your commitment to live life fully and to seek joy at every opportunity will continue to inspire me and your sons. Until we meet again. XO

Kate Gallagher - July 23, 2024 at 05:27 PM

SC

“Gretchen and I were friends for over 40 years. She was my neighbor when she relocated from Cleveland to Mansfield. Many good memories of our times spent together. I watched Scott & Mark grow up and become fine young men. Rest in peace Gretchen.
Love Sharon

Sharon Cardwell - July 23, 2024 at 08:36 AM

SW

“ Our mother was a very vibrant woman taking many trips by herself throughout the years and handling everything on her own for the last half of her life. She moved several times in the last 25 years, both in knowing that the condo life wasn't for her (lol) and then the final move to Brethren care when she knew her little ranch home was getting too much for her (how many people have the wisdom to know when it's time to go!!!). But boy did she work on her little house for many enjoyable years while she was in it. It included a complete inside remodel/redesign and re-imagining and changing of her whole yard and property. Looking back I don't know if I'd have the energy or confidence right now, that she had back then to do all the work that she did. Kudos to you MOM!!!! I thank Jeremy Gushard for all the hours he put in, putting up with our mother and making every project she wanted done a reality. He was what allowed her to be so creative and get the work done!!! :).

The last years of her life in that house were great memories for her and her neighbors. I want to thank Virginia and Keira, her two closest neighbors, for all they did in keeping her energetic and in that house until she couldn't do it anymore. All the memories I have of her in that little house were of her being happy and busy. And not only did she take care of her own house but she was also a wonderful mother through all those years we visited her. She was always trying taking care of us in one way or another especially when we seemed like we needed help. She never really pried into our lives too much but was always there to spend time with us or maybe answer a question or two about life when we asked. Although most of the time our stopping to see her involved fixing something for her LOL it always gave us a reason to catch up on how she was doing and how we were doing. It was just so lucky that Mark and I decided to stay close to our parents geographically. It simply allowed us to stay included in their weekly and monthly lives. Which was just about right. Anything else might have been just too much :).

And yes, it was tough to watch our mother slowly lose her memory

including the names and memories of most of her family. BUT she always remembered Mark and me. It's probably was because we visited her each week but I was always very happy and proud that she specifically recognized us when we visited. It simply shows you how strong a mothers love is for her kids. Ultimately, we thought we lost her two years ago but somehow she managed to pull through that. And although more memories were lost, she still came back enough to be able to walk herself to meals and get around under her own power. That was amazing in itself and allowed us some closure time before she went. So even though she has passed, we were ready for it, and I think she was too. She always seemed peaceful and just sleepy. So that's how mainly we saw her in her last days. In the last week or so, you could just tell it was getting near the time to go and we all knew it was for the best. She always wanted to go in her sleep and that's how she ultimately went. I hope we can all not focus on the loss here but refresh our perspective on how to live our lives while we're here. Mom was always busy and enjoying life. I wish that for all us who still remain.

Scott Wilson - July 22, 2024 at 08:26 PM

AC

“ ASK Chemicals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gretchen R Wilson.

ASK Chemicals - July 22, 2024 at 10:55 AM

AC

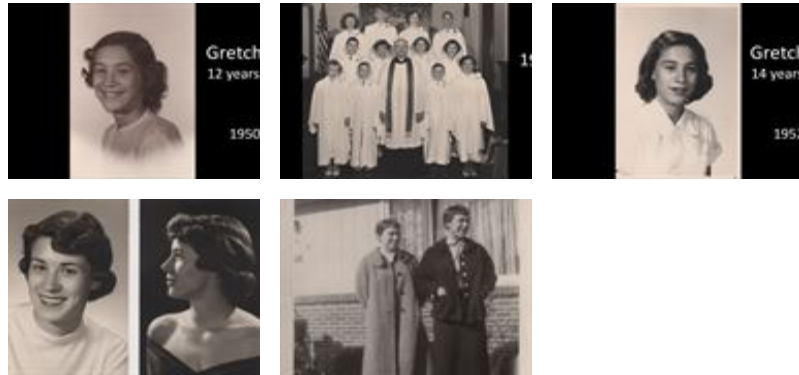
“ ASK Chemicals purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gretchen R Wilson.



ASK Chemicals - July 22, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - July 22, 2024 at 09:29 AM

VH

Gretchen and I were neighbors in the Mansfield area for years..We had many similar interests...playing the piano...watching Les Feldick the Bible teacher and lots and lots of gardening together...she was very generous and we had lots of memorable times together...I owe her alot..

Virginia Haynes

Virginia Haynes - July 22, 2024 at 06:12 PM

GP

“ *My condolences to the family. Gretchen and I were BHS '56 classmates and there are so many great memories of those years we shared. In later years we reconnected through our BHS '56 reunions and monthly lunches. Times so very well spent. R.I.P. dear friend.*

Gwen Garlick Presley - July 21, 2024 at 01:20 PM

ND

“ *Condolences to the Wilson family. I grew up with Gretchen and we pretty much did everything together from church through high school and we were roommates at Capital University for our freshman year. After we moved to Colorado from Ohio 50 years ago we still kept in touch with our high school classmates. So many memories! Nancy (Gottfried) Davidson*

Nancy Davidson - July 21, 2024 at 11:14 AM

LN

“ *Gretchen was the niece of my stepfather B. F. (Buck) Hoerr and was 6 days younger than me. We met when we were 10. Her father and uncle were twins and Lutheran ministers. Gretchen lived in Berea and her uncle's family lived in St. Mary's. They used to meet at our house in Upper Sandusky. I remember the house filled with 5 girls and 3 boys.*

My sympathy goes to her sons and their families.

Larry Newman

Larry Newman - July 20, 2024 at 08:38 PM

CH

Gretchen was a wonderful neighbor on Trails End Drive. We often spent time together looking at flowers and the lake behind her home. We drove to Berea once with her and she shared all of the places that she loved there. It was great seeing her relive all of her precious memories. You were special person and a friend. You will be missed.
Cheryl Haynes

Cheryl K Haynes - July 22, 2024 at 06:09 PM

GM

Gretchen was my mom, Lois Prange Blair's first cousin. They have many special childhood memories of times spent together. I was named after Gretchen and got the chance to know her more as an adult at a number of "Prange Gatherings". It was always so much fun to talk with her and hear about her current projects or memories of special times in the past. During one of my last conversations with Gretchen, she told me all about her special family vacation trips to Lakeside and the fun the cousins always had together.

Gretchen Moss - July 27, 2024 at 01:14 PM