Wilma Verneice Smith McMillan

March 25, 1923 ~ January 30, 2020

Wilma Verniece Smith was born March 25, 1923, in Durham North Carolina to Cody Hood Smith and Eula Florence Draughon. She was the second of the family's four children. She passed away January 30, 2020, at her home in Salt Lake City. She was a great stalwart in the McMillan family. As a source of love and good sense, kindness and generosity, she will be sorely missed.

Wilma attended the public schools of Durham and went on to attend Duke University graduating in 1944 with a degree in Economics. In 1970 she attended the University of Utah and earned her master's degree in Elementary Education. She was an avid Duke basketball fan and watched every game she could, including attending live games when Duke played in the NCAA tournament at the Huntsman Center in 2003, and traveling to Texas in 2015 to watch them play the Utah Utes in the Sweet Sixteen.

After graduating from Duke, Wilma lived in Washington DC and worked at the FBI. During this time, she met George Michael McMillan, a George Washington University law student. They married after dating for only six weeks. When George graduated from law school, they moved back to Salt Lake City to start their family. She raised three children--Cheryl Anne McMillan, Nancy McMillan Wentworth (Glenn), and Courtney Michael McMillan (Kimba). She was proud of her fifteen grandchildren and thirty-six great grandchildren. She appreciated their talents and the times she spent with them watching sports, listening to their music, and sharing family stories around great meals.

Wilma has been active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout her life. She served many years as the compassionate service leader in her Monument Park Ward and was a diligent family historian looking for her relatives in the southern United States. She was a very creative artist, enjoying oil painting, needle pointing, quilting, and sewing, and created a needlepoint pillow that won best of show in the Utah State Fair Fine Arts department.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband George, brothers Cody Heber Smith and Sherwood Draughon Smith, sister Bonnie Joyce Smith Almond, daughter Cheryl, son Courtney, and four grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at Noon on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in the Monument Park Ward Chapel, 1005 S 20th East. Friends and family may call before the funeral from 10:30 - 11:30 AM or on Monday, February 3, 2020, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City. Following the funeral, interment will be at Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery.