



Mrs. Ealmar Sims Wiley

July 6, 1928 - February 13, 2020

Ealmar Sims Wiley, 91 of Tallahassee and Havana went to be with her Savior and late husband (JP Wiley) on Thursday, February 13, 2020. She had resided for the past few years as an independent at Tapestry Senior Living, Tallahassee, where she was an “Ambassador” to new residents. She enjoyed her position, as she has always had an out-going personality.

Born to James and Mina (Deal) Sims in Graceville, Florida on July 6, 1928, the Sims family lived in Dothan, Alabama until she was seven and moved to Ruskin, Florida. She attended Ruskin Elementary and enjoyed all subjects in school and Ms. Mullis was her favorite teacher in the 3rd and 4th grades. She proudly graduated as Valedictorian from Wimauma High School in Ruskin, Florida while working all the jobs in the local 3rd Class Post Office station in the afternoons, summers and Holidays. Early on, she tried working as a State employee but they didn’t take females at that time. After a blind movie date setup by her girlfriend, Barbara Parsons, she met JP “Pete” Wiley of Tallahassee.

They married in 1948 and moved to Tallahassee where JP was employed as a millwright at Barineau Lumber Yard. She worked as a meat-cutter for years at the A&P store, landed a job with the State of Florida Division of Motor Vehicles as a Clerk 2 Troubleshooter working her way up to supervisor of the Fast Title Section, retiring in 1989 after 34 years. They built a house between

Tallahassee/Havana communities and lived there for over 57 years. JP was crippled by arthritis for over 27 years but they still adopted their son, Thomas, in 1960. While in the local area, Ealmar brought JP home for weekends from the Knowles Nursing Home. Due to arthritis medication, JP was blind for seven years and was accepted into the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg, Florida from 1979-1983. Dedicated to her husband, she made the many weekend trips to St Pete to be with her husband. During this time, Ealmar augmented the family income with projects like crocheting, cracking/cleaning/bagging pecans and sewing 3D pictures of horses, deer, and ducks. JP passed away on his son's 30th birthday, November 22, 1983.

A few years after JP had passed away she decided she had worked for 66 years and wanted to enjoy life. She loved to travel with church groups and friends to such places as Russia, China, Greece, UK, Turkey, New Zealand, Australia, Iceland and many more. Still not settled into retirement, she began working for Publix Oak Valley in 1996 to 2011. Even after moving into assisted living, she remained active working as the breakfast hostess at the Microtel Inn on North Monroe Street.

She is predeceased by her husband JP "Pete"; her parents, James (Jim) and Mina Sims of Ruskin FL; her sister, Evelyn; brother, Jimmy Louis Jr.; and nephew, Mike Sims. She is survived by her son Thomas (Lynette Barna) of Canaan, NH; and granddaughter, Victoria. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

She was an energetic woman that if she set her mind to something, it would get done. Fiercely loyal to her late husband she joins him now for a lifetime of pain-free moments in the sun. May God Bless.

Visitation is from 10:30 until 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Interment follows at

Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu flowers, please consider a donation to the Arthritis Foundation or to the Florida Masonic Home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all who provided love, care and comfort during Mrs. Ealmar's final days.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ Words cannot express how much of an inspiration Mrs Wiley was to my wife and I. We initially met her at Publix and got to know her far better at Woodmont in Tallahassee. My mother moved in Woodmont in 2017 due to dementia and had a difficult time adjusting. Mrs. Wiley took my mom under her wing and helped her adjust to her new home. I will be forever grateful for all that Mrs. Wiley did for my mom! Mrs. Wiley was such a blessing and beautiful lady with the love of God in her heart and will be truly missed!

Robert Combs - February 17, 2020 at 08:45 PM

SW

“ This genuinely beautiful hearted woman will be missed. So many lives were brightened by her infectious and joyful laugh. I hardly knew your mom but in passing but always thought the world of her from the first time we met, she was such a cut-up and enjoyed engaging with people. A fantastic sense of humor! She also shared her quiet serious side with me a time or two. I wish you and all her family peace and comfort at this time and want you to know she was highly thought of by many, including my husband and myself, May god bless y'all with wonderful long lasting memories; as I know we will always think of her fondly.
SJ & C Wingate, Havana, Fla.

Shelby Jean Wingate - February 17, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LI

“ I knew Mrs. Wiley from Woodmont Assisted Living.

To say the very least Mrs. Ealmar was a warm, caring, friendly , Godly, most wonderful lady. She knew and was very kind to my Mother in law(Mrs. Fairy Powell) who also lived there until her passing some two years ago.

Mrs. Wiley never missed a chance to smile and share a hug as she was going about her day

" The ambassador of good will." as she was lovingly known at Woodmont.

I smile just thinking about her warm and caring heart. My husband and I literally just spoke of her a day or so ago. I would loved to have known her back when she was a youngster for she must have been one go getter for sure. lol . She could run rings around the best of us at her age, I can only imagine what she would have been able to do back when. God bless you all as you try and go along with out her wit and good advise.

I know you will have her love with you always and hugs like her are hard come by.

Try to do a good deed every day in her memory, that would make her proud.

Her friend in Christ

Lillie Powell

lillie - February 17, 2020 at 03:14 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. Ealmar was a special lady that befriended my mom at Woodmont where she resided a couple of years. I lost mom almost two years ago, also at the age of 91. Sincere Condolences, Barbara Barnett

Barbara Barnett - February 16, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JS

“ Really enjoyed visiting with her at Publix. She took great pride in her yard even picking the trash litterbugs left in the right of way.

Jack Small - February 16, 2020 at 09:08 AM

DC

“ It has been a joy and blessing to know Ealmar. We meet her first at Woodmont. When she moved to Tapestry we followed to visit with her there. I always left our visits feeling uplifted and blessed to have had to chance to talk with her. She will be missed greatly.



Diane Thomas of East Hill Baptist Church - February 15, 2020 at 08:14 PM

JO

“ She looked so good. Hair and clothes perfect. Always made friends wherever she went. We travel together over many miles and saw many wonderful sights, attractions and people. She loved the people the most. I'll miss my girlfriend!!!
I just hope that I'm lucky enough to have at least one child like Tom at my end. Any parent would be so very proud to have Tom for their son.
God bless him as he enjoys retirement.

Joanie - February 14, 2020 at 07:43 PM