

Barbara Mae Wilson Ferles

Services for Barbara Mae Wilson Ferles, age 75 of Palestine, were held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 2, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Dornbush and Dr. Randy Fitzgerald officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home, Palestine.

Mrs. Ferles died Thursday, August 30 in Tyler. She was born October 21, 1931 in Dallas to Pat and Lura Mae Wright Wilson. Mrs. Ferles was a beloved wife and friend to John Ferles and a loving dedicated mother and grandmother (best known to her children as Mee Maw). First and foremost Mee Maw was a loving caring friend to all mankind. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Palestine which she loved and cared for with all her heart. Mrs. Ferles was a business woman in Houston in construction and owner of a lady's clothing store. After moving to Houston County, she chartered Grapeland Propane and Fuel, Inc. and owned a ranch on the Percilla Rd. Mrs. Ferles was an

active participant in the Grapeland Peanut Festival providing award winning floats for the queen contestants.

After retiring to Palestine, she became active with The Stockpot which provided hot meals to those in need. She also delivered Meals on Wheels to shut-ins. In her spare time, Barbara was a world-class tennis player and bowler and she loved her Thursday bridge club at First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Milton Fehrle, Sr.; sons Milton Fehrle, Jr. and Thomas L. Fehrle; and a sister Patte Sue Rice.

She is survived by her husband John J. Ferles of Palestine; daughter Janie Lay and husband Dave of Spring; son Michael D. Fehrle of Houston; daughters-in-law Suzanne Fehrle of Grapeland and Terry Fehrle of Sugar Land; grandchildren Jennifer Fehrle, Jana Fehrle, Matthew Fehrle, and Patrick Fehrle; and a brother Richard Melton of Spring.

Pall bearers were Frank Fulghum, Ray Shank, Randy Ward, Bud Martin, Max Tubb and Dylan Mayfield.