



## Hilda L. Wise

August 31, 1927 - June 16, 2017

Hilda L. Wise, 89, of Plant City, Florida, born on August 31, 1927, entered into eternal rest on June 16, 2017. She was a retired Cafeteria Manager at Springhead Elementary School, and a longtime member of Springhead Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who loved and sacrificed all for her family. All who knew her benefited from her wisdom and counsel. She was devoted to Jesus Christ, her Savior, and looked forward to spending eternity with Him. Her selfless, generous and warm spirit was beloved by all who met her and will be sorely missed. She enjoyed gardening and baking, and she was an avid fan of the Tampa Bay Rays. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert "Bill" Wise; daughter, Patricia Sims, and grandson, Joseph Alan Wise. She is survived by her children, Alan C. Wise (Ann) of Tampa, Kathy L. Flentge (Dennis) of Cedarville, Ohio, and Brenda C. Wise of Gainesville; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; siblings, Dot Richardson, Charles McDonald, Kenneth McDonald, and Billy McDonald of Plant City; and special caregivers, Tina Skeens, and Lisa Kiyali. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, June 20 at 11:00 A.M. at Springhead Baptist Church, 3106 S. Wiggins Road, Plant City 33566, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Springhead Cemetery, Lakeland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Springhead Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Hospice at <http://chaptershealth.org/give/donate/>, or a charity of your choice. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Springhead Cemetery

County Line Road  
Lakeland, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Springhead Baptist Church  
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Plant City, FL  
sbaptistchurch@tampabay.rr.com  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hilda L. Wise



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 19, 2017 at 11:27 AM

LB

“ Aunt Hilda was an amazing and Godly woman. Our Mom suffered from cancer at the same time as her daughter (Patsy) and she, Uncle Wib (Bill to most), and Patsy came to Texas to stay with my sister and her husband so Patsy could undergo cancer treatment. She basically took over as caregiver for both Patsy and our Mom, taking them for treatments, etc., which allowed my sister to continue to work - we are not sure what we would have done without her. Mom had 5 sisters by birth but always told us she considered Aunt Hilder another sister. Wib, Hilda, our Mom & Dad (Howard and Dorothy Alter) were very close, especially after our Dad was sent to Florida to work on the Space Shuttle. We are so thankful this happened as it allowed us the privilege of getting to know this wonderful family. Love you all!

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**Leah Barker** - June 23, 2017 at 03:05 PM

BA

“ Aunt Hilda was a special lady. When I moved to Florida in 1973, her and Uncle Wib treated me like one of their own kids. They have always held a special place in my heart.

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**Bill Alter** - June 19, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 19, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart* was purchased for the family of Hilda L. Wise.



June 19, 2017 at 09:45 AM



“ *I am so sorry for this great loss.  
I will never forget her kindness shown to me  
when I was an employee of hers at  
Springhead Elementary.  
She encouraged me to follow my dreams.  
I love you, Mrs. Wise!  
Wanda Rhoden*



wanda rhoden - June 18, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hilda L. Wise.*



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June 18, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ *It is a great sadness to lose a family member, and a wonderful lady. I will remember her with the warmest thoughts the rest of my life. Godspeed, dear Hilda.*

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**Phillip Grace** - June 18, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *Stanley, Marlene, Jesse and Joy Sims purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hilda L. Wise.*



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**Stanley, Marlene, Jesse and Joy Sims** - June 18, 2017 at 05:35 PM

KF

“ I could say many wonderful things about my mom but Proverbs 31:10-31 best fits her description. Here are excerpts that truly describe her:

*Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.  
She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.*

*She selects wool & flax and works with eager hands.*

*She gets up while it is still night: She provides food for her family.*

*She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.*

*Her lamp does not go out at night.*

*She opens her arms to the poor & extends her hands to the needy.*

*She is clothed with strength and dignity;*

*She speaks with wisdom & faithful instruction is on her tongue.*

*She watches over the affairs of her household & does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Her children arise & call her blessed.*

*Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.*

*A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

*Honor her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise .....*

*With the passing of mom we lost a prayer warrior, an understanding & wise counselor, a woman of integrity who is loved by so many. But she left a legacy of honor and dedication to Jesus Christ. She truly reflected Christ! What a gift she was to anyone who met her and especially those of us who were privileged to be in her family. I am so grateful to Christ that this is not the end but the beginning of true life for mom and we will see her later!*

*Kathy Wise Flentge*

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Kathy Flentge - June 18, 2017 at 04:08 PM

DF

“ Hilda and I have been good friends since we first met over 40 years ago. She and Bill welcomed me into the family when I asked to marry their daughter. She became a second mother to me over the years. We shared times of joy and sorrow. We had great fun playing Dutch Blitz into the wee hours of the morning and we had many early morning conversations before the rest of the family crawled out of bed.

I became her handyman when Bill was no longer able to do routine repairs around the house. She gave me Bill's chain saw which I then used to clear pine and other trees out of her hardwood grove in Georgia. She was patient when I did an imperfect repair. Even when I blew the main breaker in her home while doing some electrical work, she did not scold me. She never mentioned the event again. She and Bill were generous people and I learned much from their giving habits. Hilda also taught me much about how to treat people. She was a champion for the underdog and gave encouragement to many people.

Hilda and Bill invested their lives into their family. I have benefited from that investment in my lovely wife, Kathy.

We will miss Hilda. I take comfort in knowing that she is with her Savior. She leaves behind a legacy that is hard to match.

Dennis Flentge

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Dennis Flentge - June 18, 2017 at 09:52 AM

SK

“ My condolences to the Wise family it is an honor to know your mom and my heart goes out to all of you much love and hugs

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sandy koenig - June 18, 2017 at 07:57 AM

ES

“ *She was the best great grandmother ever. She always cared for her family, and put others before herself. I enjoyed spending time with her while her and granddad were in Jasper and in Plant City. I would also enjoy her cooking and helping her cook or bake. She always made the best vegetable soup. I love her so much, she was one tough cookie.*

*Love, Elle'*

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**Elle' Sims** - June 17, 2017 at 09:03 PM

TS

“ *I want to Thank the beautiful family of Mrs Wise for trusting me and welcoming me into the home of Mrs wise. I am truly blessed for the time I got to spend caring for and getting to know this beautiful soul. My heart is broken at the loss but rejoices knowing you are with our Lord . Thank you for the gift of you Mrs Wise, you will forever have a place in my heart. Tina Skeens*

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**Tina skeens** - June 16, 2017 at 08:48 PM