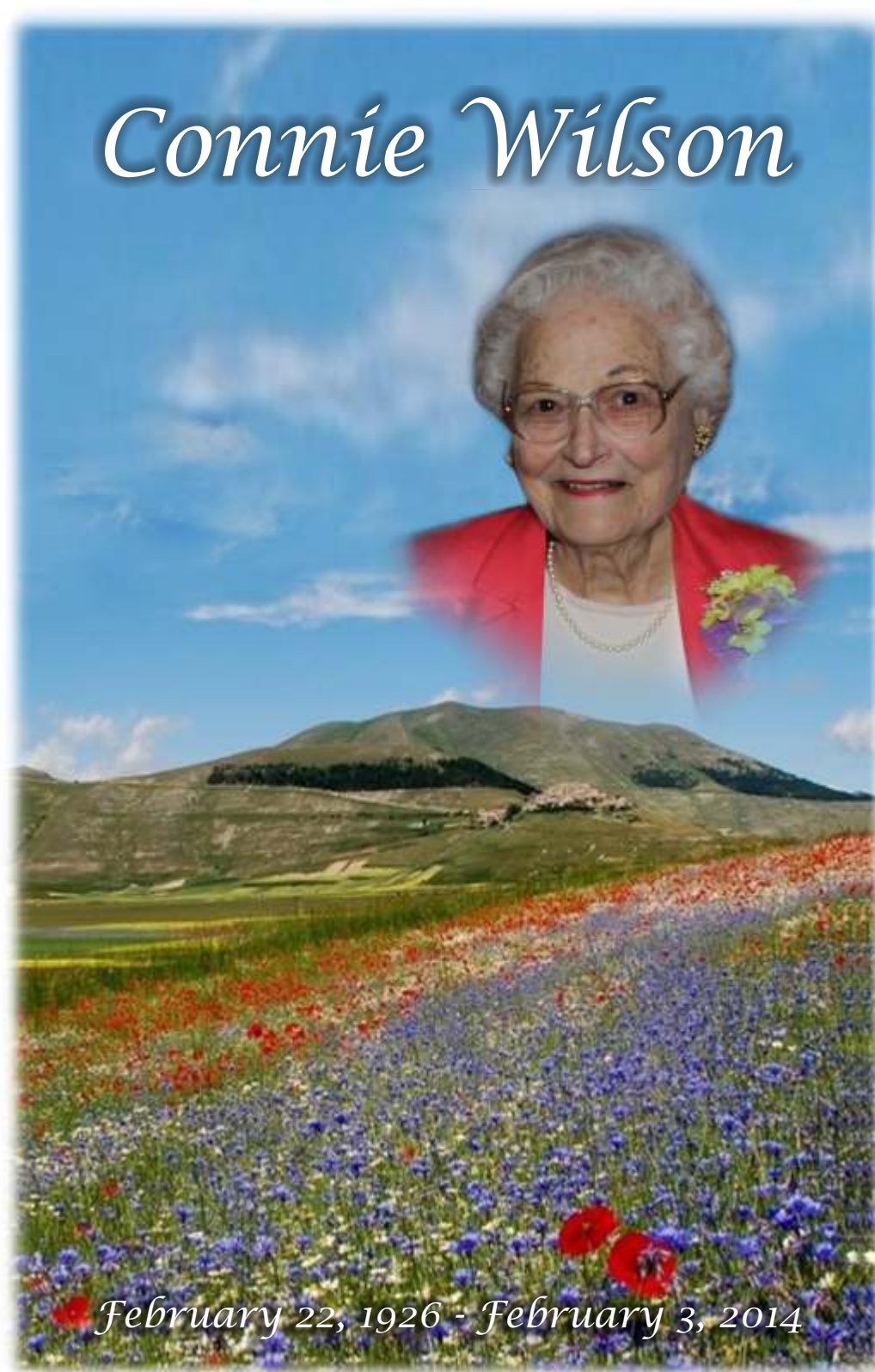


Connie Wilson



Connie Jean Ponak Wilson, their third daughter, was born February 22, 1926 to Alexander and Alta L. Sharp Ponak. Her place of birth was Kleenburn, Wyoming; however, at that time her parents lived on their homestead at Gopher, Montana, where she spent the first ten years of her life. Her parents moved to Dayton in the fall of 1936, since drought and depression years made farming unproductive and unprofitable. Connie had spent her third grade in school in Sheridan and the first part of 6th also, as the older sisters had to be in town for their high school years. Connie finished her high school years in Dayton during World War II. She went directly from high school to Eastern Montana College for special study to obtain a teaching certificate. Her first year of teaching was in Big Horn County, MT. She attended the University of Wyoming and taught the following year at the Ohlman School in Sheridan County.

Connie was married on March 2, 1945 to Jack B. Wilson at the Congregational Church in Sheridan. They lived for a time in Sheridan County and were transferred to many locations, all within Wyoming as Jack worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish. She worked for Stauffer Chemical while they lived at Green River; for Reynolds Mining-Texaco and also the Crossroads Inn while in Buffalo; as bookkeeper at the Sheridan Inn after their move to Sheridan in 1978. Also she worked a summer in Alaska for Miller and Miller Auctioneering of Fort Worth, the contractor for disposing of the equipment for the Alaska Pipeline.

Connie was a member of St Peters Episcopal Church, Daughter of the Nile, and American Cancer Society. She has been involved in a number of volunteer services including hospitality desk at the hospital, Volunteer Tutor program and Play Therapy, as well as various church activities and research for the Genealogical Society.

Connie was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Vickie Lynn, a son, Dennis (Buz) Wilson and one infant grandson. She is survived by her husband, Jack, children: Lana Cochran of Spokane, WA; Kirk B. (Julie) Wilson of Glenallen, AK; seven grandchildren: Debbie Cochran, Kelly Cochran, Jamie Cochran (Bill) Kowalski, Nacole Wilson (Jake) Hanson, A.J. Wilson, and Kristal Wilson (Nathanael) Bengtson, and Kirk Wilson, Jr. along with seven great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

February 22, 1926 - February 3, 2014

God's Bank Ain't Busted Yet

The bank had closed, my earthly store
Had vanished from my hand,
I felt there was no one sadder
Than I in all the land.
My washer woman too, had lost
Her little mite with mine,
But she was singing as she hung
The clothes upon the line.
“How can you be so gay” I asked.
“Your loss don't you regret?”
“Yes ma'am, but what's the use to fret?”
“God's bank ain't busted yet.”
I felt my burden lighter grow,
Her faith I seemed to share;
In prayer I went to God's great throne
And laid my burdens there.
And now I draw rich dividends,
More than my hands can hold;
Of faith and hope and love and trust
And peace of mind untold.
O weary one upon life's road,
When every thing seems dread,
And losses loom on every side,
And skies seem not so clear;
Throw back your shoulders, lift up your heart
And cease to chafe and fret,
Your dividends will be declared,
God's bank ain't busted yet.

From Echoing Footsteps
Powder River County Montana
by Ruth Hudson Ramer

In Loving Memory of

Connie Jean Wilson

DATE OF BIRTH **DATE OF DEATH**

February 22, 1926 February 3, 2014
Kleenburn, Wyoming Sheridan, Wyoming

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Friday, February 7, 2014, at 2:00 pm
St. Peter's Episcopal Church

OFFICIATING

Father John Inserra

MUSIC

In The Garden
How Great Thou Art

MUSIC BY

Organist - *Fritz Kehrwald*
Soloist - *Harbee Tharaldson*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Her Many Family & Friends Too
Numerous To Mention

Inurnment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery
with a Reception to follow at the Church.

Memorials to honor Connie may be made to the
Kalif Shrine's Crippled Children's Fund

P.O. Box K
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or to

The Red Door of St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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