



## Nita Holding Wilson

June 19, 1942 - March 9, 2022

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Sara Nita Holding Wilson-79, gained her heavenly home on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Holston Valley Medical Center.

Nita was born in Appalachia Virginia, the daughter of the late William I. Holding and Phyllis (Large) Holding. She attended High School in Big Stone Gap; she was in the first graduating class of Powell Valley High School. After graduating, she attended the M.C.V. college where she earned her degree in Medical Technology. While in college she began receiving letters from her dear friend, Marvin Blake Wilson Jr., for whom she had harbored a lifelong crush. During this time, Blake had enlisted in the United States Air Force. Those letters of affection led to a formal courtship, then a marriage that was a lifelong partnership and love story. After Blake returned from the Air Force, he and Nita began their civilian lives together. While the young couple finalized their educations, and their careers began with Blake's employment with the Dupont Corporation and Nita's work as a medical technologist, the marriage began to grow. They welcomed their first daughter Laura Elaine Wilson- Riebe in Wilmington Delaware, soon after, they welcomed their second daughter, Sara Anne Wilson-Hale. After Nita's mother's passing here in Big Stone Gap, the decision was made to return to run the family's business - Holding Funeral Home. Once back in her beloved Big Stone Gap, Nita began to flourish. She was active in several different community organizations, including the

Community Chorale. She was a member of the Big Stone Gap Baptist Church, and later the Big Stone Gap Presbyterian Church. Soon after their return, they welcomed their third daughter, Amy Dawn Wilson-Davidson, and their fourth daughter, Megan Blake Wilson- Powers. Nita's life was complete, all she had ever wanted was to be a wife and mother, both of which she excelled. Her days were filled with love and dedication to her family. Nita was a wonderful mother to her children, and a dedicated wife to her husband. She was often considered a sort of “den mother” to all her children’s friends and social groups, especially the Powell Valley High School concert choir. She loved to sing, and nurtured her love of music in all her girls. Nita was a wonderful friend and conversationalist, and would share stories about her family with anyone with whom she felt a kinship. Over the years Nita developed and nurtured many lifelong friends. She was a true “Friend for Life”. Many of her most cherished memories were of the great adventures she and her friends shared - either while traveling together all over the United States, or with other families on vacations. She would make it a point to travel sometimes long distances to maintain these friendships throughout the years. She especially loved her trips to Atlanta to see her best friend Susan. As her life journeyed further, she was very proud of all her children and grandchildren. She took great pride in their accomplishments and achievements. Her grandchildren brought Nita so much joy, fun times, and memories. She cherished each one and would do anything she could to spend time with them and share special occasions. Holidays, especially Christmas and Thanksgiving, were times in which Nita would spend hours preparing family meals for the annual gatherings of her family. Nita made a lasting impact on each one of her children, grandchildren, and friends.

The gravity of her loss will never truly be understood, and we will all certainly be looking forward to the day we are reunited in Heaven. Nita was a devoted Christian, and for us, that brings great comfort in knowing that we will be reunited in our Everlasting Home. We will miss her deeply, but rejoice in

knowing she is waiting for us, whole and well and blissful. Nita will be remembered as a great philanthropist and friend, but her greatest accomplishment was having a loving, dedicated, and loyal family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers; James H. Holding, William I. Holding III, her in-laws, Marvin Blake Wilson Sr. and Virginia Wilson, her dearest friends Susan Daugherty, Jane Stone, and Rita Rankin, and niece Michelle Holding.

Nita is survived by her husband of 56 years, Marvin Blake Wilson Jr. ; daughters Laura Wilson Riebe (Michael), Sara Wilson Hale (Travis), Amy Wilson Davidson (John), Megan Wilson Powers (Steven); grandchildren Sydney Budysheva (Igor), Courtney Skeen, Brody Hale, Tyler Skeen, Zoey Hale, Ashley Skeen, Megan Davidson, Faith Riebe, Luke Riebe, Bella Leonard; her unborn great- granddaughter Everlee, her sisters-in-law Patricia Ruyle & family and Terry Holding & family, as well as other close loyal friends.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, for the visitation. The funeral service will be conducted following in the funeral home's chapel with Darlene Litton officiating, special music will be provided by Jared Glass, and Leonce Hall.

The committal service will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Glencoe Cemetery, those wishing to attend are asked to meet at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. to go in procession to the cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/SK62N284PBTD8ZBP>

An online registry is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)  
Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Nita Wilson.

# Cemetery Details

## Glencoe Cemetery

Spring Street  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 13.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
1-276-523-1470  
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net  
<http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**MAR 13.** 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Procession

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Nita Holding Wilson*



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**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 11, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ *Nita Holding Wilson*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Blake, I didn't know about Nita until last night. I contacted Elaine to see if you and Nita were OK because I hadn't heard from Nita on FB for so long. Nita followed my bird photography and I could count on her comments whenever I posted the bird pictures. Phyllis and I were shocked and so saddened to hear of Nita's passing. We hope you are doing well and would love to hear from you.*  
*Clifton David and Phyllis Carty Whittaker*

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**Clifton Whittaker** - July 12, 2022 at 08:30 AM

AT

“ Dear Blake, Laura, Sara, Amy and Megan...what a beautiful tribute, many happy memories babysitting the girls- a wonderful family- I am so sorry for your loss-Nita loved you all with all her heart- she's was an all or nothing girl- and her family was her treasure! love you all, Adri

Adriana Trigiani - April 19, 2022 at 07:49 AM

LK

“ Lisa Kirk lit a candle in memory of Nita Holding Wilson



Lisa Kirk - March 14, 2022 at 05:52 PM

MQ

“ So very sorry to hear this. Nita was a bright light in the community. My deepest sympathy to Blake and her family.

Marcia Quesenberry - March 14, 2022 at 02:25 PM

AP

“ Nita was an amazing woman and she was more than my friend and employer she was my family. She opened her heart and allowed me in and I will never forget her kindness and love . She will be missed every hour of everyday.



angie phillips - March 13, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.*



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March 12, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lori Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Nita Holding Wilson*



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**Lori Rutherford** - March 12, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.*



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March 12, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.*



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March 12, 2022 at 09:05 AM

RT

“ Regina, Rik, Timothy purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.



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**Regina, Rik, Timothy** - March 12, 2022 at 08:37 AM

CE

“ CL and Elaine purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.



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**CL and Elaine** - March 11, 2022 at 11:36 PM

SM

“ Sheby Meade lit a candle in memory of Nita Holding Wilson



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**Sheby Meade** - March 11, 2022 at 11:14 PM

SN

“ What a beautiful tribute to Nita. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I am so glad I got to know Nita in my years working in Big Stone. Praying for comfort during this time and the days to come. A wonderful family with great memories of her love for her family.  
Sandy Newman

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**Sandy Newman** - March 11, 2022 at 09:11 PM

DG

*A beautiful tribute to Nita, who fiercely loved her family and friends. I will always cherish the special friendship we shared through out all the years at L. J Horton Florist. Times of laughter, joy, grief and tears, we were close in heart. Beautiful memories to always hold dear. ❤️ 🙏*

**Diana Gibson** - March 11, 2022 at 11:05 PM

LP

“ *Lois Wade Porter lit a candle in memory of Nita Holding Wilson*



**Lois Wade Porter** - March 11, 2022 at 06:31 PM

LW

“ *Lyn and Jenny Wood purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.*



**Lyn and Jenny Wood** - March 11, 2022 at 01:28 PM

MB

“ *So very sorry for your loss and it is a great loss for you. Sending prayers for family and friends.*

**Mary Lou Daugherty Blevins** - March 11, 2022 at 08:30 AM

MB

“ *Mary Lou Daugherty Blevins lit a candle in memory of Nita Holding Wilson*



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**Mary Lou Daugherty Blevins** - March 11, 2022 at 08:28 AM

MD

“ *Miranda DeBoard lit a candle in memory of Nita Holding Wilson*



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**Miranda DeBoard** - March 11, 2022 at 07:39 AM

MB

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers for the family  
God bless 🙏🙏*



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**Melinda Bowman** - March 10, 2022 at 10:30 PM

SP

“ *Nita was the best employer I ever had. Our working relationship turned into a friendship and I'm grateful to have had her in my life. She was a very caring, generous, intelligent and witty person that loved with all her heart. It's with love and heartbreak that I send my sympathy to Nita's family.*



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**Sue Pennington** - March 10, 2022 at 06:04 PM

TP

“ Our hearts are with Blake and all of Nita’s family. Nita was the paragon of mothers, grandmothers and aunts. Her love of her husband and family was second only to her love of God. She was a friend to us and offered her concern and sincere and compassionate criticism for me when I served as her pastor, and as a result made me a better servant of Christ. We loved her and will miss her smile and laughter. We pray that God will hold her entire family in the palm of his hand and close to his heart in the days ahead. Will love you Nita and will see you a little later. Rev. Tony and Anne Palubicki

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**Tony and Anne Palubicki** - March 10, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nita Holding Wilson.



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March 10, 2022 at 03:56 PM

SH

“ *My nanny was truly my very best friend and a light to so many. Her love for her family and friends was completely unmatched. She would do anything for those she loved and made sure each of us knew it. I truly can't believe she is gone but find my peace in knowing she's gained her wings and is beautifully seated in heaven.*

*My sweet nanny, I love you more than a pig loves slop and will miss you with every passing minute.*



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**Sydney Hale** - March 10, 2022 at 03:29 PM