



## Wilma Jean Beckley

May 23, 1937 - June 30, 2025

Wilma Jean Beckley, age 88 of Lindale, Texas, passed away Monday, June 30, 2025, in Lindale. She was born May 23, 1937, in Champaign, Illinois to the late Herschel Wilbur and Marie Josephine (Percival) Westfall. Wilma lived in Lindale for the past 25 years where she was a member of first Green Acres Baptist

Church and then Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church.

She worked throughout her life as an administrative assistant for Effingham High School, Crossroads Press and Country Life Insurance in Effingham, Illinois;

and one day each week at Patrick Law Offices in Lindale after her retirement (where she was fond of saying she “worked for food,” as the only pay she would accept was lunch each week!).

In her spare time Wilma enjoyed collecting antiques (particularly glassware); going on Goldwing trips with husband, Bob; traveling in the U.S. and

Europe; growing roses and other flowers; and, later in life: coloring in adult coloring books.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Robert A. “Bob” Beckley and William Forrest Keplar; son, John F. Keplar; parents, Herschel and Marie Westfall, and brother, John Westfall.

Wilma is survived by children, Denise Patrick (husband, Glen) of Mt. Sylvan and Phillip Keplar (wife, Ericka) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; sister, Janet Czerwonka (husband, Melvin) of Watson, Illinois; grandchildren, Devan and Megan Patrick of Charlotte, North Carolina; Dylan Patrick and Kimberly Patrick of Tyler, Texas; and Carissa and Sagar Gandhi of Lindale, Texas; (most beloved) great grandchildren: Brayden Patrick, Cameron Patrick and Brooklyn Patrick; seven nieces and nephews and numerous other loving friends. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Colonial Nursing Home for their care of Wilma for the past three and a half years and special thanks to her Hospice of East Texas nurses and caregivers for making her last few months as comfortable as possible.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Connie & Jon Schultz, Art & Brenda Hayes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilma Jean Beckley.*



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**Connie & Jon Schultz, Art & Brenda Hayes** - July 04, 2025 at 08:05 AM

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“ *For several years Mrs. Beckley went to the beauty shop on Fridays the same time that I went. She was always friendly and happy. She was always dressed immaculately, and I could tell she was a lady through and through. May her sweet soul rest in peace.*

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**Annie Baldwin** - July 02, 2025 at 08:01 AM