



## Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison

April 18, 1924 - March 16, 2021

Bethine Apley Wilson Garrison was born to Thurman G. Apley and Birdeen Edwards Apley on April 18, 1924, on a farm southeast of Bruning, Nebraska. She passed away on March 16, 2021, at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska, at the age of 96 years, 10 months, and 28 days. Beth was one of four children in her family.

Beth lived nearly her entire life in and around Bruning, Nebraska. Her parents were farmers and, as children and young adults, Beth and her siblings helped on the family farm. Beth had a deep and abiding faith in God, was a lifelong Methodist, and was a member of the Bruning United Methodist Church where she was confirmed. Beth was an active and social student and graduated from Bruning High School in 1941. After almost being persuaded to become a teacher, Beth decided to pursue her goal of being a hair dresser instead. She recruited her sister, Janis, to join her, and in 1947, they graduated from Hastings Beauty College becoming licensed beauticians soon after. For the next six decades, Beth made sure the ladies of Thayer County and the surrounding communities looked their best each and every week. Beth and Janis began their careers with the Apley Sisters Beauty Shop located in the hotel building in Bruning. After Janis married, Beth continued on her own, moving her business to her own home in 1953. Beth's Beauty Shop became a fixture in Bruning, not only for the quality shampoos, cuts, and permanents, but more importantly for the friendship and fellowship her little one-chair

operation provided for her customers. After Beth's retirement, her daughter, Barbara, took over the business and for a while, Beth retained an active role answering phones and setting out treats and coffee for the traditional Friday luncheons at the Beauty Shop.

On September 18th, 1949, Beth married R. Winton Wilson of Shickley, Nebraska. To this loving union three daughters were born – Paula, Barbara, and Lynne. Beth and Winton were an active pair, working in and contributing to the life of their Bruning community in many ways. Their family would eventually grow to include three sons-in-law, nine grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren – a tally that Beth was always so proud to share. After Winton's death in 1989, Beth considered herself fortunate to meet the second love of her life, Francis Garrison, of Ohiowa, Nebraska. The two were married on June 21, 1992, and continued a life of love for over 25 years until Francis's passing in 2018. Beth always said she was blessed to marry two such loving, honorable men. Through the years, Beth always enjoyed visiting with friends and family, playing cards, rooting for her beloved Huskers, and cheering for her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids at whatever sport or activity they were in. Every card and letter she sent to her family ended with her loving trademark: "I love you so much, so much, so much, so much, so much."

Beth was preceded in death by her spouses, Winton and Francis; her parents, Thurman and Birdeen Apley; and her brothers Rex Curtis Apley and Donald Edwards Apley; and son Darrel Garrison.

Those left to mourn her loss include daughter Paula (Duane) Wyssman of Bellevue, Nebraska; daughter Barbara (Jay) Schoenholz of Bruning, Nebraska; daughter Lynne (Mike) Houser of Bruning, Nebraska; sister Janis Apley Frenzen of Geneva, Nebraska; many loving nieces, nephews, and friends; and 29 of the most adored grandchildren and great-grandchildren there ever were.

A Funeral Service for Beth was held on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Pastor Jeanie Leeper officiated the Funeral Service. The recorded selections "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," and "Jealous Of The Angels" were played during the Funeral Service.

Pallbearers included Brian Wyssman, Ken Beukenhorst, Jeff Koehler, Jarred Smith, Patrick Houser, Cody Houser, Mitchell Houser, and Brad Bankson. Honorary Pallbearers included Julie Wyssman, Jenny Beukenhorst, Ami Koehler, Abby Smith, Alissa Bankson, Ashley Perez, and Logan Rosenquist.

A Graveside Service was held in the Bruning Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the Bruning Fire & Rescue Squads.

# Cemetery Details

## Bruning Public Cemetery

Bruning, NE 68322

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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MAR 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
325 Piggot Street  
Bruning, NE 68322

# Tribute Wall

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“ We just heard of Beth's passing and we're very saddened. Beth was very special and one of the most loving people we ever knew. We were blessed to have known her. Our deepest felt condolences to the family.

*Jim and Kris Krejci*

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**James Krejci** - April 22, 2021 at 06:42 AM

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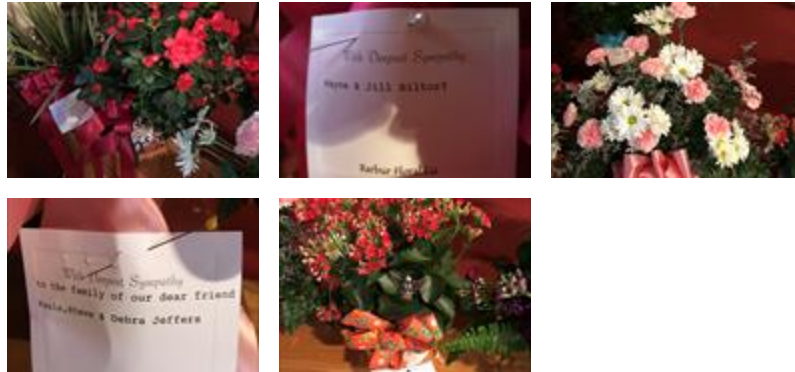
“ I had the pleasure of meeting Beth a few times in Ohio. She was a very high spirited woman. We played cards together. May she rest happily in peace

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**Julie** - March 25, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ 61 files added to the album Flower Pictures



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - March 19, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



March 19, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Cindy Brunz** - March 18, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Olofson Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



**Olofson Family** - March 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



March 18, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



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March 18, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Phyllis Keen lit a candle in memory of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison*



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**Phyllis Keen** - March 17, 2021 at 11:56 PM



“ *Beth, I am honored that I was a part of your life for a few short years. You were so kind, generous and caring. I treasure every memory, every laugh and every ice cream bar we shared. You will live on forever in our hearts.*

*Phyllis*

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**Phyllis Keen** - March 17, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



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March 17, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



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March 17, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beth was a sweet, friendly, cheery lady! She will be greatly missed! My condolences to her family!*

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**Grace LaHatt** - March 17, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *My parents loved to play cards and visit with Beth and Francis. I always heard about “the good lunch” Beth served after they were done playing cards! What a wonderful lady! Kay (Schropfer) Knapp*

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**Kay Knapp** - March 17, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



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March 17, 2021 at 01:29 PM

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“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison



Virginia Johnson - March 17, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.



March 17, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this! My daycare kids and I loved to walk by her house and wave to her. She shared cookies and they always remembered that. We will truly miss her!! Cathy Otto and Cathy's Kid's Daycare Kiddos.



Cathy Otto - March 17, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.



March 17, 2021 at 10:21 AM

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“ *Beth has always been so special. She was a lady full of Love and always positive. She was a blessing to be around. Back when I was her Pastor, Beth and her Husband were in church every other week. One week they would go to her husbands church and the next week they would worship at the Bruning United Methodist Church. She was loved by all who knew her and always had a special place in our hearts. Gods Blessing to her family and church and friends. Thanks for all you do, Rev. Mike Anderson*

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**Rev. Mike Anderson** - March 16, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Beth A. (Wilson) Garrison.*



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March 16, 2021 at 09:03 PM