



Wilma Anna Washington

August 9, 1946 - March 3, 2025

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Wilma Anna Washington was born to Franz and Katharina Welisch on August 9, 1946. She passed away on March 3, 2025 at the Onion Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Wilma was the second of four children born in Munich, West Germany, and her early years were spent in the region of Bavaria during the tumultuous times of World War II. Growing up in a modest two-room house on the family farm, life was far from easy, but the bonds within her family helped them find joy in the little things, supporting one another through the challenges that came their way. These formative experiences not only instilled in Wilma a robust work ethic but also a remarkable resilience that would guide her throughout her life. Her determination and ability to face adversity head-on became defining traits, setting the stage for her future achievements. In 1969 Wilma met Lewis E. Washington Jr., the love of her life, and they tied the knot on October 24, 1970. The couple eventually settled in Austin, TX where they raised their daughter, MaryAnn, and built a life together that spanned an impressive 55 years.

Wilma's legacy of hard work and resilience has left a lasting impact on her family. She pursued her education at Austin Community College, earning a

master's degree, and her passion for learning was evident in everything she did. Wilma had a love for dancing and was skilled in needlework, often sharing her talents with her daughter; I affectionately called her Mutti, the German word for mother, while her grandchildren lovingly referred to her as Oma, meaning grandmother. Wilma's commitment to education inspired not only her child but also her grandchildren to pursue their academic dreams. She played a pivotal role in helping my father earn two degrees from Austin Community College, and I followed suit by obtaining my bachelor's degree. Now, her great-grandson Jeremiah is continuing this tradition at the University of TN, Knoxville. Wilma's dedication to education has woven a rich legacy within our family, emphasizing the importance of knowledge and personal growth. Her influence has motivated generations to value learning and strive for their aspirations, ensuring that her spirit of lifelong learning remains a cherished family tradition.

Wilma leaves behind her Husband Lewis E. Washington Jr. , with whom she shared 55 years of marriage, and her Daughter MaryAnn K. Bishop who is married to Maurice L. Bishop Sr. She also leaves behind her Grandchildren Jennifer A. Tribue, Steven L. Tribue, Maurice L. Bishop Jr. (Genora Hutchins) and Resheena L. Bishop (Clarence Thomas III). In addition her cherished Great-grandchildren Jeremiah E. Tribue, Riley Stevenson, Kimora, Caziah, Clarence IV, Landon, Braelynn, Gia, Chase and one great-great grandson Zion.

Wilma's brother, Franz Welisch (wife Mary), resides in Ingolstadt, Germany. Her sister, Christa Schonauer (husband George), lives in Bad Feilnbach, Germany. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Larry Washington (wife Susie), and sisters-in-law, Gloria Bunton, Joyce Thomson, and Beverly Polk. Additionally, she leaves behind a number of nieces and nephews, as well as many friends and other family members. Wilma's final resting place is Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX, on March 31, 2025 at 2pm.

Previous Events

Graveside Services

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wuzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ *MaryAnn Bishop lit a candle in memory of
Wilma Anna Washington* ”



MaryAnn Bishop - March 24, 2025 at 12:50 PM