



## Wilda Louise Dean Fisher Faulkner Gamber

July 28, 1918 - January 1, 2017

Wilda Louise Dean Fisher Faulkner Gamber passed away peacefully on January 1, 2017 of natural causes in Orlando, Florida where she had resided for the past 5 years. She was 98. Wilda was born July 28, 1918 in Derby, Maine to William C. Dean and Corinne Nichols. She graduated from Stearns High School in Millinocket, Maine. Wilda earned a degree in Elementary Education from Wheelock College and the University of Maine. She taught early primary grades for a few years on Cranberry Island and in Milo, Maine.

She met her future husband, Carroll Fisher at the Crystal Ballroom in Dover-Foxcroft. They were in married February 16, 1942. Wilda had her own nursery school at her home in Lincoln, Maine for several years as well as teaching in the Lincoln public school system before moving to Millinocket, Maine where she also taught in the public schools. She was past president of Lincoln PTA and Millinocket Teacher's Association. She was the mother advisor of Rainbow Girls and a member of the Millinocket Garden Club. Wilda was the Northeast Representative of the Early Kindergarten Nursery Education (EKNE) and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority. She retired from teaching in 1975, two years after the death of her husband, Carroll.

She met and married Willard Faulkner and later moved to Sarasota, Florida. Wilda became a long time member of the Sarasota Congregational Church. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and past president of the Sarasota

Women's Club. After Willard's death, she met and married Richard Gamber. Wilda and Dick enjoyed traveling to Europe and an occasional cruise.

Wilda is survived by her son, William D. Fisher and his wife, Margaret of Orlando, FL, her daughter Carol F. Portwine and her husband Richard of Sarasota, FL and Gorham, ME, granddaughter, Karen F. Jacobson and her husband Paul of Orlando, FL, 2 grandsons, Jon Portwine of Gorham, ME and Andrew Portwine of Portland, ME and 2 great grandsons, William Jacobson and Patrick Jacobson.

Wilda was predeceased by her 3 husbands, her sister, Mildred McDonald and 2 brothers, Walter Dean and Lewis Dean. She was also predeceased by her great grandson, Hunter Paul Jacobson.

There will be no visiting hours and services will be private. Arrangements are by Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Sarasota, FL.

Donations in her memory may be made to: Greater Orlando Children's Miracle Network 3160 Southgate Commerce Blvd, Suite 60, Orlando, FL 32806 or Hunter Paul Jacobson Memorial Fund, c/o Paul Jacobson 12524 Westhope Dr. Orlando, FL 32837.