



Wilda Oesch

June 20, 1934 - January 19, 2026

Wilda Smith Oesch, longtime resident of Poetry and of Terrell, passed away peacefully into the presence of the Lord on Jan. 19, 2026 with family at her side. Wilda was born June 20, 1934 in Illinois Bend, TX to Henry and Alpha Mae Smith, both of whom welcomed her into Heaven along with her five sisters: Francis, Wilma, Inis, Opal and Mae.

Growing up on a farm in Illinois Bend (by the Oklahoma border), Wilda learned very early on about hard work and reliability. Her petite size belied her incredible strength and her ability to accomplish any goal, skills she used during her life time as she grew up, began working and started her family.

Wilda was a woman who valued integrity and forward thinking and she willingly shared her knowledge and wisdom with those she cared about.

While working at Texas Instruments, Wilda met a handsome and intelligent man, Jake Oesch. After getting married, she and Jake moved to Terrell and bought a farm in Poetry. They both owned and operated O-TEC Computer Service Company in Dallas for many years until their retirement. Spending time traveling with friends and family became Wilda and Jake's new passion and they bought an Airstream and joined an Air Stream Travel Club. For the next several years, they traveled all over the nation, seeing new places, making new friends and enjoying time together. During October, they always returned to Texas to work for the State Fair of Texas for several years. Seeing the many expos, livestock shows and the countless visitors made Wilda and Jake feel like they were still traveling without leaving the great state of Texas!

When not on the road, they were charter members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rockwall and Wilda loved serving and being active in “The Empty Nesters Group”. Wilda and Jake would also host an annual fish fry for their church family and friends, inviting all to a wonderful day of eating, fellowship, and enjoying each other’s company.

A woman of who loved God, her family and her friends and lived every day to the fullest, Wilda will be very missed and her memory always held dear.

She is survived by her husband, Jake Oesch; children: Jack Crowsey, Cindy Crowsey and Bill Crowsey and his wife Tracey; grandchildren: Nathan Crowsey and wife Crystal, Jordan Crowsey and wife Dominique, Dylan Crowsey, Rochelle Stephens and husband Nick; great grandchildren: Tyson, Heidi, Brady Eli, Isabelle, Drew, Alex and husband Caleb, great-great grandchildren: Sophie, Miley, Presley and Cash as well as several nieces, nephews, other extended family, her church family and very Special Caregiver, Carolyn “Karo” Stewart, each of whom loved Wilda very much.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that anyone who wishes to send a gift please consider sending a donation to Our Savior Lutheran Church of Rockwall in honor of Wilda. Donations can be made at the following link:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YKRH/home>:

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church - Rockwall
3003 Horizon Road
Rockwall, TX 75032

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Dear Jake, Bill, Tracey, Cindy, Jack & families,
I Want to thank each of you for allowing me to be a small part of Wilda's & your lives for the past several months & to be her caregiver! She was so full of life, spunkyness, sassiness & an amazing lady! We had many good days of her sharing her experiences, her life & most of all her love for each of you that I hold dear to my heart & forever in my memories! We would joke about her maiden name & my maiden name being Smiths & would call ourselves the “Smith” girls! I think the most treasured memory is when she & Jake told me I wasn't just a caregiver but they included me as “Family “! To say I'm going to miss her is an understatement but I know I will see her again! Thankful she is no longer in pain & no longer needing the walker for assistance but is walking freely & probably dancing as she once did! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers! Rest easy my precious dear friend!!
With sincere sympathy & love!
Karo, Wilson & family



Karo Stewart - February 04 at 11:14 AM

CC

Karo, Wilson and family, thank you for the lit candle for Mom. Your special caretaking of Mom was so appreciated by the family. I didn't know about the “Smith” girls! Thanks for sharing that. God bless you and your family, Karo.

Cindy S Crowsey - February 08 at 11:41 AM

PT

“ *Patricia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Wilda Oesch*



Patricia Taylor - February 02 at 05:14 PM

CC

Patricia, thank you for lighting a candle for Mom. Your thoughtfulness would mean so much to her and it means so much to us. God bless you!

Cindy S Crowsey - February 08 at 11:32 AM

LH

“ *We have so many fond memories of Wilda and Jake from when we were members of Our Savior and always looked forward to seeing them when we would visit the church. Wilda was a very special lady who always had a smile on her face for anyone who would cross her path. We are so saddened that we will not see her again in this life, but look forward to being welcomed by her in heaven when the time comes. Our hearts go out to you Jake and all of Wilda's family and friends, and we will keep you in our prayers as you go through this time of grief. We love you.... Phil and Linda Hill*

Linda Hill - January 30 at 03:22 PM

CC

Hello, Phil & Linda. Thank you for your memory and message for Mom. She loved you and the Church. Yes, she had a way of being joy to all she met. God bless you, both.

Cindy S Crowsey - February 08 at 11:28 AM

LB

“ *Leta Bitros-Alcala lit a candle in memory of Wilda Oesch*



Leta Bitros-Alcala - January 24 at 09:01 AM

CC

Hi, Leta. Thank you so much for the lit candle for Mom. She loved you, that you know. God bless you, Lita.

Cindy S Crowsey - February 08 at 11:22 AM

LH

“ *Lori Harwell lit a candle in memory of Wilda Oesch*



Lori Harwell - January 23 at 12:41 PM

CC

Thank you, Lori, for your thoughtfulness. We are so glad you were able to be part of her life. God bless you, Lori.

Cindy S Crowsey - February 08 at 11:18 AM