



### [Spencer, Ethel Louise \(Georgia\)](#)

Longtime Midwest City resident, Ethel Louise (Georgia) Spencer, passed away on March 22, 2007 in Washington, DC. She was born in Barnesville, GA, on Oct. 30, 1923 to Hester and Rosa (Knight) Willis, the oldest of eight children. In 1943, over her parents' strenuous objections, she [enlisted in the US Navy and joined the WAVES](#). Her basic training was completed at Hunter College, NYC, where she was immediately dubbed 'Georgia' because of her southern drawl. After completing Parachute-Rigger School in Lakehurst, NJ, she was posted to **Norman NAS, OK**, in 1944. On her second day at Norman, she met Bill Spencer while attending a Navy picnic at Turner Falls. They were married on October 6, 1945 for over 62 happy years. She was proud to be a military wife, and together, they lived at various military bases including Olathe, KS, Johnson AFB, Japan, West Palm Beach, FL, Charleston, SC, and Tinker AFB. She became an LPN, working at University Hospital and area retirement homes. After Bill's military retirement in 1967, **they moved to Miami, FL** where Georgia continued nursing and attended college, graduating from Miami Dade Jr. College. They returned to Midwest City in 1985, where Georgia became a member of TOPS, Midwest City Garden Club, Sooner J's Camping Club and First Baptist Church of Midwest City. **She was a charter member of Sooner Waves and Waves National, [WVO](#) (Women Veteran Org.) and WIMSA (Women in Military Service for America). In 2003, Bill and Georgia moved together to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, MS, where Georgia became active in Red Hats**, and helped charter Mississippi Mates, the state WAVES organization. **Hurricane Katrina forced relocation to the AFRH in Washington, DC.** Georgia was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Nadine Peacock and Bessie Partain; brother, Julian Willis, all of Barnesville, GA; and infant son, Robert Gordon. She is survived by husband, Bill of AFRH in Washington DC; two daughters, Barbara Jones of Oklahoma City, and Patti Spencer of Ft. Myers, FL; and two grandsons, Dr. Robert Spencer of Oklahoma City, and Donald Spencer of Midwest City. She is also survived by sisters, Margaret Partain of Thomaston, GA, Janice Gilbert of Cochran, GA, Roselle Edwards of McDonough, GA; and Brother Dan Willis of Barnesville, GA. **A memorial service with military honors and interment of ashes will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 10AM at Arlington Memorial Gardens in Midwest City.**