



Soror Mattie Willis Original Pearl-In-Memoriam

Soror Mattie Willis was an Original Founding Pearl of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in February, 1943, Alpha Chapter at Lewis College of Business, Detroit Michigan. She was a dedicated supporter putting her financial and secretarial skills to work managing national and chapter goals. Soror Willis was a founding member of Theta Chapter serving our organization with dignity and participating in the growth and development of this great organization until her health challenges restricted her. Soror Willis was the Supreme Tamias (formerly called the Supreme Epistaleus) from 1948-1952. She submitted a recommendation to National on August 6, 1950, requesting that the symbolic flower of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. be changed from a pink carnation to a pink rose – it was adopted nationally. She became Gamma Phi Delta Soror of the Year in February 1971. On May 22, 1993, she received the Northern Region Founding Pearl Pioneering Leadership award. In August 1994, she received two Rose Recognition Charms for “Women Making a Difference” for Gamma Phi Delta Sorority’s 50th Anniversary. Soror Willis was a Heritage Hall Tile Member and a Life Member. She was appointed the National Headquarters Resident Agent on February 21, 1998 and served until September 1, 2005. In July 26, 2000 she was honored with the Rose Pin Award, for outstanding service to the sorority and community, and the Gamma Phi Delta Extra Mile Service Award Trophy. Soror Willis was appointed Property Trustee in February 2001 and served to September 2007 when she requested a leave of absence. Soror Willis worked hard as a member of Theta Chapter. As of June 2005, she was the only remaining original member in that chapter. Soror Willis will be missed for her commitment and dedication to her beloved sorority.

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