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## GPS Queen Suzanne Wiley Is Finding Retirement Great

Suzanne Wiley began her University of Arkansas career in 1980 as a research assistant in plant pathology at Southeast Research and Extension Center and was a research assistant in growth and yield in the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, both on the campus of U of A Monticello.

She also served as a technical analyst in the Spatial Analysis Laboratory in the School of Forest Resources before joining Extension in 2000 as a GPS applications specialist. It was a newly created job which involved bringing geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS) and remote sensing technologies to specialists, county agents, 4-H kids and the public.

Wiley and Becky McPeake wrote an NSF grant that funded a trip to Stennis Space Center for 12 agents to learn more about technology transfer. Wiley and others hosted hands-on GPS training and geocaching outings for 4-H'ers and state park personnel. She also worked with Dennis Gardisser to

teach agriculture pilots how to overlay GPS data from their flight patterns onto digital aerial photographs of the field.

"There were tons and tons of applications," she said. "Farmers often rely on it now to guide tractors and map fertilizer output, but it wasn't quite as accepted when I first started."

Wiley retired on Dec. 30, 2003. She stayed on a few months to work with McPeake and others on a \$3 million grant for NatureMapping on a national scale. She still misses the friendship of the dedicated, hardworking CES co-workers she came to know and thanks Tom Riley for making her a part of the Environmental and Natural Resources section.

She remains active in the GIS world, participating in the Arkansas GIS Users Forum and serving on the steering committee of the Mid-America GIS Consortium. Last summer she attended the ESRI International User Conference in San Diego.



Suzanne Wiley

Wiley has four quarter horses and is a member of the National Barrel Horse Association and American Quarter Horse Association. She rides for fun and still does a little barrel racing and training.

Wiley, the mother of two grown sons and a grandmother of five, says she "stays busy." She enjoys traveling with friends and family. "I have enjoyed having the time and the flexibility to travel and to do things with the grand-kids," she said.

To reconnect with Suzanne Wiley, contact her at 960 Midway Route, Monticello, AR 71655-8624, (870) 367-7176.

– Shannon Magsam

## Sandra Smith's Home Improvement Training Was a Good Investment

Sandra Smith grew up in the 4-H program, and her best projects were in home improvement.

This came in handy later in life since the Smith family has moved 25 times – so far. Sandra Smith's husband of 41 years, Don, is a real estate investor, so any property they call home is up for grabs. Smith has always been great at fixing things up, then happily selling – or renting – the home and moving on to the next new house.

The first time they moved, Smith was working for Extension but was spending the semester on the UA campus earning a master's degree. She came home and was surprised to find that she lived in an apartment complex they had bought.

Sandra Smith came on board at Extension in 1970. She started out in Cross County in the EFNEP section. After she and her husband married, they moved to Osceola and she worked in Mississippi County as a 4-H agent most of her 27-year Extension career.

Smith later moved to Blytheville as Mississippi County home economics leader. After 20 years in Mississippi County, she moved to Benton County and worked in that same position. A few years later she made a lateral move to Craighead County.



Sandra Smith

When Smith retired in 1997, she became a stay-at-home mom to the Smiths' daughter, Donna, and became more integrally involved in her husband's company, Century Property Management in Blytheville.

That daughter is grown now and lives in Fayetteville where she's an academic advisor at the University of Arkansas and recently opened a small art gallery.

The Smiths moved back to Blytheville about three years ago.

When asked if the Smiths are settled in their Blytheville house for the foreseeable future, Smith laughed heartily and said, "I always think we'll move again."

To reconnect with Sandra Smith, contact her at [dsmith28003@hotmail.com](mailto:dsmith28003@hotmail.com), P.O. Box 206, Blytheville, AR 72316, (870) 219-6282.

– Shannon Magsam

## Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following memorial gifts were recently received recognizing retirees of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers gifts deposited Feb. 1-28, 2013.

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## Jimmie Lee Edwards, Retired Home Improvement Specialist, Dies

Jimmie Lee Martin Edwards died Feb. 12, 2013. Edwards received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas AM&N College and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She joined the 1890 Cooperative Extension Program in 1976 and launched a home improvement program in five rural counties in southeast Arkansas. By 1983, that program had expanded to include the whole state. She also taught Master Upholsterers classes. Edwards served as an Extension volunteer, both before joining Extension and after her retirement in 1996.

She received numerous awards including the 1862 Cooperative Extension Outstanding Specialist Award, Outstanding Volunteer 4-H Leader Award and the 1890 Cooperative Extension Distinguished Service Award.

Survivors include her husband, Jasper Edwards, three sons – Jeffrey Edwards and Jerial Edwards of Sherrill and Jimmy Edwards of Fayetteville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Feb. 19, 2013 at New Saint Hurricane Missionary Baptist Church with burial in New Hope Cemetery in Pastoria.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Hope Scholarship Endowment Fund, 1711 South Pack Road, Sherrill, AR 72152. – *Laura Goforth*

## From the Editorial Board

If you have not already done so, be sure to register and to attend the retiree luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Rockefeller Institute atop Petit Jean Mountain.

You and your spouse or friend will be the guest of Dr. Tony Windham. There will be no charge for the luncheon to you.

During the luncheon, we will present this year's winners of the retiree scholarship fund, which exists because of your generosity.

You may register by filling out the form below if you plan to attend the luncheon or register for other portions of the Galaxy Conference at <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/>. The conference will be free to retirees, except you will have to pay for meals other than the retiree luncheon, and there is a cost for some of the workshops.

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## 2013 RETIREE LUNCHEON REGISTRATION



Fill out the registration form if you/your spouse will be attending the retiree luncheon on March 28 at the Galaxy Conference. **Registration must be returned by Friday, March 8, 2013.** The luncheon will be provided **free of charge** to retirees and spouses, but it will be necessary to register on the form below.

You can also register for other portions of the Galaxy Conference online by going to this web site, <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/>, and completing the registration process. If you have questions about registration, contact BeVerly Sims at 501-671-2263 or Laura Goforth at 501-671-2113.

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- Yvonne Mizell, April 1
- Kenneth Williams, April 2
- Woody Miley, April 3
- Nancy Winterbauer Olofson, April 3
- Fran Arnold, April 4
- Susan Sanders, April 4
- Easter Tucker, April 5
- Janice Wadkins, April 5
- Kathryn Lynch, April 6
- D. C. Blanchard, April 7
- Bonnie Wright, April 7
- Ann Gray, April 8
- Colleen Owen, April 8
- Stanley Chapman, April 9
- Louise Walker, April 10
- John Payne, April 11
- Rich Maples, April 12
- Charlotte Fant, April 15
- Mary Ruth Miner Fallin, April 17
- Brenda Henderson Pratt, April 18
- Mary Butler, April 21
- Phil Tacker, April 22
- Tommie Wyatt, April 22
- Claude Bonner, April 25
- Virginia Bates, April 27
- Eleanor Walls, April 27
- Diane Jones, April 29



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