

Everette family moved around the country for his father's job as an Evangelical Lutheran Church builder. Commander Everette attended Oregon State University, where he joined the Naval ROTC and was a member of the nationally ranked rifle team. Following graduation, Commander Everette joined the U.S. Navy and became a midshipman on the USS *Wisconsin-BB-64*. His first deployment was on the USS *Bauer-DDE 1025* and he was later stationed in Pearl Harbor where he carried out nuclear submarine service. He went on to become the project manager of the Trident Ballistic Missile Program in Washington, D.C., during which time he helped design the SATRAK Satellite. In 1981, Commander Everette was transferred to Contra Costa County as the Executive Officer at the Concord Naval Weapons Station before retiring in 1985.

Throughout Commander Everette's decorated military service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Medal of Gallantry, SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia, and Meritorious Service Medal.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, then-Lieutenant Everette married Patsy Thompson and the couple had two children. He enjoyed gardening, camping, and studying his genealogy, finding six Revolutionary War ancestors. Commander Everette was also active in several veterans organizations, including the Holland Club of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Mare Island Base, MOAA, Contra Costa Council of the Navy League of the United States, Walnut Creek Elks, VFW Post 1525, and Thomas Jefferson Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. For many years, he walked in Concord, California's Fourth of July parade with the VA.

Commander Everette passed away earlier this year. He was a cherished resident of Concord and he will be missed. Please join me in honoring Commander Everette for his many contributions to our country.

CONGRATULATING JANET MENZIE
ON BEING NAMED SECONDARY
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clements High School choir director Janet Menzie for earning the Texas Association of School Administrators 2021 Region 4 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The fine arts play an integral role in our education system, and our teachers are the backbone. The arts also support the emotional

and mental health of our children, a worthy cause especially during this global pandemic. Mrs. Menzie is a gift to her students and an exceptional example for her peers. Her dedication to empowering our youth deserves recognition and the utmost appreciation.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations, Mrs. Menzie, on this achievement. I thank her for her commitment and passion while teaching our kids the power of music.

HONORING BUMGARNER FAMILY
FUNERAL SERVICE

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I salute the people of Bumgarner Family Funeral Service in Laurinburg, North Carolina, who helped raise the spirits of their community in these difficult times by giving away 50 3x5 American flags to honor the Fourth of July. Their initiative to give out American flags for free not only serves their community, but also honors their country. I want them to know that their efforts have not gone unrecognized and that I am doing everything I can to help small businesses like Bumgarner in these trying times.

The Bumgarner family has taken time and effort on their part to remind us all that we live in a wonderful country, a country worth celebrating. They have my sincerest admiration and thanks. Their example of patriotism and fortitude deserves recognition. It is this kind of initiative and patriotism that I love to see in our communities, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GUSTAVA
WILSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Gustava Wilson, a "Rosie the Riveter" who passed away on August 29, 2020 at the age of 97 after a lifetime of exemplary service to the United States of America and her community in Marin City.

Gustava Wilson was born in Scotlandville parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on March 14, 1923, to McKinley and Olivia Hill. The second of nine children, she attended school until the ninth grade, at which point she took care of her younger siblings and began working at the Istrouma Laundry. Gustava traveled to California in 1942 at the age of 17 as part of the

Second Great Migration, following her brother Isaac Hill and cousin Robert Valentine in search of better opportunities working in the shipyards during World War II. A determined and curious woman, she went to California to see for herself if rumors that the streets were paved with silver and gold were true.

During the war, Gustava joined the roughly 44,000 civilian workers at Mare Island Naval Hospital in Vallejo, California, where she worked as a nurse and cook. The hospital and its staff achieved national and international acclaim during WWII for their orthopedic department, better known as the "amputee shop" or "brace shop." The development and manufacture of plastic limbs and therapy that followed served tens of thousands of disabled military personnel. It is from her dedicated service in this role that Mrs. Wilson earned her place in history as a "Rosie the Riveter."

After the war Gustava returned to Louisiana, where she met and married Joe Wilson. Two years later, they settled and proceeded to raise a family in Marin City, California. They lived in the same home for 60 years and became embedded in the community. Gustava's community service included membership in the Mother's Guild, Senior Sunshine Club, and the Performing Stars' Guiding Stars Grandparents Group. She was affectionately known as "Granny" in the community.

Gustava received many distinguished awards and accolades over the years, including YMCA Woman of the Year, Marin Women's Hall of Fame, and she was honored during Rotary Club of Sausalito's Marinship 75th Anniversary during the Marin City Veterans Day Ceremonies. In 2017, the Native Sons of the Golden West honored Gustava as a great woman of this state for her dedication and service that was instrumental in our country's victory and the Allied victory in World War II.

Gustava was a dedicated mother who deeply treasured every moment with her family, especially her grandchildren. Vivacious and straightforward, she was a strong, determined, and fiercely independent woman.

Gustava is survived by her brother, Wilbert Hill and his wife Inez, sister-in-law Mary Hill, two children Mona and Lena, stepchildren Allen Dell, David, Charles, Nellie Pearl, Josephine & Hollis; goddaughter, Edwina Figueras, godson, Reginald Tisdale; six grandchildren, Kameelah McNeely and husband Derek, Darrena, Robert, Jr., Nellie, Lamar Jr., David; five great grandchildren, Derek, Jr., Dawaiian, Yazmin, Kylea, Amya, and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in extending my appreciation for Gustava Wilson's many years of service and dedication to this country and her community, and in expressing my deepest condolences to her family and friends. She will be forever remembered as a shining example of American exceptionalism, and a true Rosie the Riveter.