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### HELEN RICHARDSON In Memoriam

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Helen Williams Richardson, wife of Judge George Richardson, Jr., passed away on October 12, 2006. Wife, mother, grandmother, and career woman, Mrs. Richardson was a beloved figure in the life of Wilton Manors for half of a century.

Born in Fort Lauderdale in 1929, Helen was the daughter of Edwin Gex and Helen King Williams. Her parents owned the Williams Ice Cream Parlor on the corner of Andrews Avenue and Broward Boulevard. That establishment was a popular gathering place in the 1930's and 1940's. Helen graduated from Fort Lauderdale High school and the University of Miami.

Helen was introduced to her future husband by her brother, Gex Williams, a golfing buddy of George Richardson, Jr. The two friends played at the Richardson Golf Course off Wilton Drive.

George and Helen Richardson were married in 1953 at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale. Gex Williams went on to found the Williams, Hatfield and Stoner engineering firm, whose first office in 1960 was on Wilton Drive.

Helen was a true partner in her husband's long and distinguished career as a private attorney, member of the Wilton Manors City Council (1954-1956), County Judge (1968-1970), Circuit Court Judge (1970-1986), and Wilton Manors City Attorney (1986-1992).

Helen and George Richardson had three children--George III, Gex and Kamia Richardson Gonzalez--and ten grandchildren. In addition to raising her family and participating in many civic and charitable endeavors, Helen Richardson was a C.P.A. For many years, she worked for the Gulf Stream Land and Development Company.

After living in the house built shortly after their marriage for some 45 years, George and



Helen Richardson generously sold their 5.4-acre property off Wilton Drive at a discounted price to the City of Wilton Manors for use as a public park.

Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve will open in 2007.

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