

Interim Chief of Police Ellie T. Wilson in 1956 and 1961

Born in 1904, a native of North Carolina, Wilson came to Bartow in 1935. He joined the Bartow Police Department in 1949 and worked his way through the ranks from Patrol Officer to Sergeant and Captain.

Wilson served as Interim Chief of Police twice in his career. He served as Interim Chief first in 1956, following the resignation of Chief Roscoe Thornhill. Then again in 1961 following the resignation of Chief K.C. Myers.

When Lewis Cromartie was appointed as Chief in 1962, Wilson returned to his regular assignment as patrol officer, one which he preferred to that of Chief.

Wilson passed away in 1964 at the age of 60.



Ellie T. Wilson
1904-1964