



Dixie G. Hilst

October 13, 1937 - October 25, 2021

Dixie G. Hilst, 84, of Havana, formerly of Manito, passed away at 10:09 p.m., on Monday, October 25, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born October 13, 1937, in Pekin, Illinois, to Forrest and Lee Inez (Pruitt) Willoughby. She married Wesley H. Hilst on August 17, 1958, in Pekin. He preceded her in death on January 1, 2016.

Dixie is survived by three children: Eric (Kathy) Hilst of Delavan, Gwen (Charles) Lutz of Wisconsin and Peter Hilst of Havana; twelve grandchildren: Erika, Olivia, Isabella, Cody, Jacob and Gus Hilst, Lauren and Ian Russell and Joshua, Alex, Ruger and Derringer Hilst; two brothers: Jerry Willoughby of Washington, and Willard Willoughby of Manito; as well as two sisters: Nell Sanchez of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Doris Howard of Sullivan, Indiana, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, Ray Willoughby, and two sisters, Gwen Schwindinhammer and Laquita Litchfield.

Dixie was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, near Manito, where she had served in the Ladies League. She was a former member of Forest City - Manito Rotary Club, Mason District Hospital Auxiliary and had volunteered for the American Cancer Society. She was a graduate of Pekin High School in 1955, ICC in 1983 and Bradley University, in Peoria, in 1986 with a BSN. She and her husband had owned and operated retirement homes in Manito,

Havana and Canton. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends, and especially her grandchildren. She had also worked for Pekin Prescription Lab and Americana Nursing Home in Peoria.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, near Manito, on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the services at Meadowlawn Cemetery in Manito. Rev. James Batchelor will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.
Manito, IL 61546

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Manito
21819 N Co Rd 3300 E
Manito, IL 61546

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dixie G. Hilst



Hurley Funeral Home - November 03, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Dixie G. Hilst

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss never seen Dixie without a warm smile on her face. She was beautiful inside and out you are all in my thoughts and prayers



ruth_lippert68@hotmail.com - January 06, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss our hearts go out to you ❤️🙏💔
Love you guys Ronnie nDiane Brown

Diane Brown - November 03, 2021 at 11:23 AM

DB

“ We are so sorry for your loss our hearts go out to you ❤️ Ronnie n Diane Brown



Diane Brown - November 03, 2021 at 11:22 AM

DB

“ Diane Brown lit a candle in memory of Dixie G. Hilst



Diane Brown - November 03, 2021 at 11:18 AM

ES

“ So sorry for your family's loss.!



Elva Stigall - November 03, 2021 at 09:00 AM

AW

“ Andy and Lee Ann Wittenborn purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.



Andy and Lee Ann Wittenborn - November 02, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.*



November 01, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.*



November 01, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.*



October 31, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Dixie. Her smile, her warmth, and her energy lit up a room. I'm sure she brightened the day of everyone she saw. Dave and I send our deepest condolences.*

Rita Badger - October 30, 2021 at 06:57 AM



Thank you so very much.

Gwen Lutz - November 02, 2021 at 07:53 PM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Dixie G. Hilst



Nancy Elliott - October 29, 2021 at 12:28 PM

PA

“ PatDèushane lit a candle in memory of Dixie G. Hilst



PatDèushane - October 29, 2021 at 12:59 AM

JW

“ Dixie was a very long time Altusan, she maintained her membership in the ALTRUSA club of Canton until recently. I spoke with her on the phone each year, and enjoyed our conversations. She, like I, believed that ALTRUSA does good work. We spoke of the literacy services ALTRUSA performs and her old friends in the organization. Our condolences on your loss.

Judy Walloch - October 28, 2021 at 09:11 PM

GL

Thank you so much.

Gwen Lutz - October 29, 2021 at 01:02 PM

CC

“ I came into Havana, working on a project ...several years ago, not knowing a soul. This kind sweet lady with family welcomed me and extended such awesome hospitality ... I'll never forget this kind yet strong lady, hours of conversation and sharing life situations from the heart. Very accepting - loving - caring ... my heart is broken - May the Family be BLESSED with GODS TOUCH to heal the hearts and carry you through these hard times

Capt. Jimmy Cheatham

Capt. Jim Cheatham - October 28, 2021 at 09:10 PM

GL

Jimmy, thank you so very, very much. Means a lot to me.

Gwen Lutz - October 29, 2021 at 01:03 PM

KH

Jimmy Thank you so much for your living kind words, Dixie thought the world of you and Ashley. We will have cherished memories forever.

Kathy Hilst - October 29, 2021 at 04:09 PM

EF

“ Dixie had a beautiful smile that lit up the room, she was always friendly. RIP Dixie

Eva Fuller - October 27, 2021 at 06:34 PM

GL

Thank you so much.

Gwen Lutz - October 28, 2021 at 01:51 PM

MF

“ Mitchell , Jennifer Dye And Family lit a candle
in memory of Dixie G. Hilst



Mitchell , Jennifer Dye and family - October 27, 2021 at 06:09 PM

CO

“ Sorry for your loss.



Connie - October 27, 2021 at 05:20 PM

GL

Thank you so much.

Gwen Lutz - October 28, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JC

“ Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of
Dixie G. Hilst



Julitta Carpenter - October 27, 2021 at 05:02 PM

CF

“*Dixie was the most kind-hearted, nonjudgemental person I have ever met, She would welcome you into her home with an open heart and with open arms to lean into if needed. She never ever had any bad words about anyone and looked only at the good in people and what she could do for you to make you feel better. I will miss her contagious smile and the Godly spirit that shined from within her. She was truly a gift to people from God and we will miss her physical presence here. But I know now she will be shining down from Heaven with Wes her husband and looking over all her family and will live on in their hearts.*

with Love to All her Family

Cathy and Roy Goodwin

Catherine Fedewa - October 27, 2021 at 04:10 PM

GL

Cathy and Roy, what beautiful words. As her daughter, I cannot thank you enough for sharing such beautiful memories.

Gwen Lutz - October 28, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JA

“*Dixie was a wonderful, supportive board member of the YWCA Canton, at one time. She had good ideas, always carried out her duties, and was a pleasure for all of us to work with. She made a great contribution, wherever she got involved.*

Jean Arndt - October 27, 2021 at 12:16 PM

GL

Thank Jean so much

Gwen Lutz - October 27, 2021 at 06:47 PM

LO

“ *What a funny, happy, wonderful lady to know. She will be missed. Had some good times with her at Mel's and the cabin. Did not know her long, but she made you feel like you had known her forever. RIP in Dixie.*

Lynne Onken - October 27, 2021 at 09:41 AM

GL

Thank you Lynne so very much.

Gwen Lutz - October 27, 2021 at 12:56 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Dixie G. Hilst*



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 27, 2021 at 07:46 AM

VB

“ *Dearest Gwen and family,*

So sorry for the passing of Dixie. I know how your heart is broken. It hurts so bad. But! You are a strong women and all your memories are I your heart.

*Deepest sympathy,
Vicki and Gary Baumgarten*



Vicki Baumgarten - October 26, 2021 at 11:45 PM

GL

Thank you so very much. Love you.

Gwen Lutz - October 27, 2021 at 08:15 AM

GL

Thank you so very much. Love you.

Gwen Lutz - October 27, 2021 at 08:16 AM

HC

Dixie was a special person. Always looked on the better side of life. A very warm loving gal to everyone she met. I knew her all my life. A very special aunt. She will be missed by all especially her family.

Harry Canterbury - October 27, 2021 at 10:51 AM

AC

“ *I am so sorry to read of Dixie's passing. Dixie was such a fun person. The Mason District Hospital Auxiliary meetings and events we shared usually meant lots of laughs if you were near Dixie.*

Alice Clanin - October 26, 2021 at 11:00 PM

GL

Thank you very much Alice.

Gwen Lutz - October 27, 2021 at 12:57 PM

AM

“ *Alice MILLER lit a candle in memory of Dixie G. Hilst*



Alice MILLER - October 26, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.*



October 26, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.*



October 26, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *What a wonderful woman to know. Kind, loving and gracious. Gwen and family, we wish peace for all of you.*



Jen Russell & Patty Combs - October 26, 2021 at 09:21 PM



Thank you so very much honey.

Gwen Lutz - October 27, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dixie G. Hilst.



October 26, 2021 at 08:49 PM