



Wilma K Blessman

August 12, 1930 - October 11, 2023

Wilma Katherine (Bishop) Blessman Hardesty, 93, of 508 E. Main, Havana, Illinois died October 11, 2023 at The Lodge in Manito where she had been a resident for the past five years. Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana with the Reverend Ian Heinze officiating. Visitation will be held at the church prior to the service beginning at 12:30. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery near Snicarte.

Wilma was born August 12, 1930, on her family's farm at rural Bath, Illinois to Edward and Olga Horstman Bishop. She graduated from Bath/Lynchburg High School in 1948. On May 28, 1950, she was married to Russell L. Blessman by her grandfather, Reverend J.F.W. Horstman, at St. John's Lutheran Church near Bath and Russell preceded her in death on September 26, 1992. On November 17, 2001, she married Bill Hardesty, who died April 18, 2008. She is survived by three children, Kathy (Steve) Culverhouse of Racine, Wisconsin, Mike (Terri) Blessman of Canton, and Bill (Linda) Blessman of Havana. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Sherry (Joshua) Kirkes, Lisa (Brandon) Painter, Nathan (Cady) Blessman, and Nicole Blessman, along with nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Robert, of Bloomington, Illinois.

Wilma was a talented seamstress, doing dressmaking and alterations for many years, including making new majorette and pom pom squad uniforms for the Havana High School Band in 1970 and altering many cheerleading and

sports uniforms over the years. She also made dresses for homecomings, proms, and weddings for family and friends. When first married, Wilma and Russell farmed in Lynchburg Township before moving to Havana in 1961, when Wilma went to work for the federal Agricultural and Stabilization Conservation office, where she worked for several years. She also enjoyed shopping for and collecting antiques, attending sporting events of her grandchildren and great grandchildren and traveling. She loved the holidays and decorating, and always made those occasions special for members of her family. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana and was active in the Altar Guild, the Charitable Endeavor Society, and the choir. Memorial contributions may be made to Mason District Hospital in Havana. Online condolences can be left for her family at www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3900 County Road 800 E
Chandlerville, IL 62627

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St Pauls Lutheran Church
121 N Pearl St
Havana, IL 62644

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ *alice miller lit a candle in memory of Wilma Blessman*



alice miller - October 17, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ *This is Judy Connolly, Betty Fletcher Connolly's daughter. My grandparents are Irene and Howard Fletcher. They lived in Lynchburg Township and farmed there all of their lives. I remember Wilma and Russell well. Freeman and Howard were good friends. We went fishing with him frequently. I reconnected with Kathy when she was in high school, being a friend of Nancy Oest, my cousin. I am so thankful for Bill's posts about old Havana. Blessings to you all! So sorry for Wilma's passings.*

Judith Connolly - October 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM

RQ

“ *RON BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Wilma Blessman*



RON AND BARB QUINONES - October 16, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family. Enjoyed visiting with Wilma.*

Carol Fisk Kolves - October 14, 2023 at 11:40 AM

PG

“ Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Wilma Blessman



Patricia Gilbreath - October 13, 2023 at 07:54 PM

BM

“ Brenda McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Wilma Blessman



Brenda McKenzie - October 13, 2023 at 09:37 AM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Wilma Blessman



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 13, 2023 at 08:25 AM

JT

“ Jenny Trimpe lit a candle in memory of Wilma Blessman



Jenny Trimpe - October 12, 2023 at 09:56 PM



“ So sorry for your family's loss! Sincere condolences, Lisa Thompson



Lisa Jill Thompson - October 12, 2023 at 09:00 PM



Sorry for your loss, Bill Glassman family, from Ted Oney family!!

Ted oney family - October 13, 2023 at 03:39 PM