



Melba Wallace Wilson

November 29, 1925 - October 7, 2013

Melba Wallace Wilson, age 87, of Spirit Lake, passed away Monday, October 7, 2013, at Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was born on November 29, 1925, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to John F. and Gladys M. (Davis) Hilliard.

Melba graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1943. She worked for the Dickinson County and Emmet County Recorder and Treasurers Offices for many years. In Melba's eyes the most important thing in her life was her love for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Bingo.

Melba was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Superintendent of the Montgomery Sunday Schools and was a 4-H Leader for many years. She enjoyed spending her spare time square dancing, camping, gardening, fishing, hunting and was a VERY avid Bingo player.

Melba is survived by her children, Merle Wallace, and his wife, Bonnie of Spirit Lake, Bonnie Gross, and her husband, Daryl of Spirit Lake, Jerald "Jerry" Wallace, and his wife, Elaine of Spirit Lake, Keith Wallace of Ft. Dodge, Steve Wallace of Spirit Lake, and Mike Wallace of Spirit Lake; sister, Elmine "Joyce" Farquharson of Des Moines; brother-in-law, Silven Moench of Bainbridge, Washington; sister-in-law, Ann Wallace of Spirit Lake; fifteen grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Leonard J. Wallace and Merle Gene Wilson; daughters-in-law, Judy Wallace and Cindy Wallace; siblings, Verlynn "Curly" Hilliard, Dwight and Esther Hilliard, Majel "Jim" and Gwen Hilliard, Velma Hilliard, Thelma Moench

and Ersel and Ben Seeger; brother-in-law, Hugh Farquharson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Willis and Lucy Wallace; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lynn and Lorraine Wallace; brother-in-law, Dean Wallace; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Aaron "Verle" and Mae Wilson; sisters-in-law, Betty and Dorine Wilson; and brother-in-law, John Wilson.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 11, 2013, from 4:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. A funeral service will be held at 11:00A.M. Saturday, October 12, 2013, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Melba's name.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to you. I recently lost my mother and know the pain of a broken heart. Our Heavenly Father feels our pain. Psalms 34:18 assures us that He is near to those broken at heart. He does, however, hold out a promise that in the very near future He will wipe out all tears of sorrow and pain from our eyes and death will be no more. (Revelation 21:3-5) He also promises to remember all those in the memorial tombs (graves) and restore them to life. (John 5:28,29) Until those words are fulfilled, may you find much peace and comfort in God and in His promises found in the Holy Scriptures.

S Ford - October 19, 2013 at 09:29 PM

WK

“ We have you in our thoughts and prayers. Our sympathies go to your whole family.

Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen - October 14, 2013 at 06:26 PM

MM

“ Jerry, So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Marcia (Duhn) Morrison, Lebanon, MO - October 13, 2013 at 07:37 PM

JP

“ It has been many years since I was was in Melba's extended family by marriage, but I have always felt that she had a special place in my heart. She touched the lives of many people. Please except my prayers.

Jeanie Morand Petrie - October 13, 2013 at 01:54 PM

EB

“ *My Beloved Aunt*

Thank you for all the memories of when we worked for Marie Barrett until the wee hours of the morning, balancing the books before we could go home. Our trip to Washington to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of U. Silvan and A. Thelma with our trip through Yellowstone. Our trip to Ill. to see U. Majel and A. Gwen and returning to Des Moines to see A. Joyce, and our last trip to celebrate our cousin Delores Mohns 80th birthday. We had so much fun together, over the years. A room would light up when you walked in with your beautiful smile, giggle and sparkling eyes. God be with you Aunt Melba, I love you.

Evy Billings - October 12, 2013 at 07:40 AM

JM

“ *To many memories in such a short time I wouldn't even know where to start. Miss Melba touched so many hearts! She will be missed by many and loved by all! So sorry for your loss!*

Jan McCormick - October 10, 2013 at 07:47 PM

PR

“ *Dear Wallace family,*
What a surprise to hear of your loss. Melba sat at my mom's table at Hilltop. We had many good conversations. She was so pleasant and never complained about anything.. My prayers go to you all.

Peg Rick - October 09, 2013 at 09:14 PM

CS

“ *Melba Wallace Wilson*

Chad Schuchert - October 09, 2013 at 12:21 PM

MH

“ *growing up with our trips to Spirit Lake to see family.I remeber our last Family reunion and all the stories she told about growing up.I made me my children want to come back to Spirit Lake and be with family.God Bless you all*

Mark H.Hilliard - October 08, 2013 at 02:22 PM