



Wilma Roberts

September 29, 1921 - November 7, 2013

Wilma M. Roberts, age 92, of Spirit Lake, passed away November 7, 2013, at the Milford Nursing Home. She was born September 29, 1921 in Fulton, SD, to Charles and Ida (Witt) Franks.

She was a fast runner and won several ribbons in track. She always said she was the fastest runner in Hanson County, SD. Wilma graduated from Fulton High School, Fulton, SD, in 1939. She moved to Jackson, MN, and later to Spencer, IA, where she worked at Farmer's Bank.

Wilma was married to Kenneth Roberts May 20, 1946, in Montevideo, MN. They moved to the Great Lakes Area in 1950. Wilma was a member of the Ground Observer Corps from 1956-1959. She always remembered her call sign Kilo Pappa 52 Black. Wilma started working at the State Bank in Spirit Lake, as a head teller in 1965, when the bank first started in business. She was elected as an Assistant Cashier in 1970, and elected as a Cashier in 1973. Wilma retired from the State Bank December 31, 1986, after 21 years. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake.

Wilma enjoyed travelling, playing cards and word puzzles. In her younger years she enjoyed dancing at the Woodcliff Ballroom and Hamm's in Spencer. She mentioned it often in her later years.

Wilma is survived by her children Timothy (Dianne) Roberts of Spirit Lake, and Sharon (Les) Marousek of Okoboji; sister, Mary Ann (George) O'Neill of Fulton, SD; sister-in-law, Audrey Franks of Mitchell, SD; granddaughter, Susan (Mike) Elser; great-grandchildren, Stefan (Claire) Elser, Sean Elser, Jesse Elser and Caitlin Elser; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 52 years, Ken; brothers, Harold, Orville and Willard; and sisters, Erma and Ruth.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00A.M. Saturday, Novemeber 9, 2013, at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Okoboji Cemetery. The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Condolences to the entire family from a distant Witt cousin. Sad to see this generation leaving us.*

Rose Gerken Martin - December 21, 2013 at 08:17 PM

MG

“ *Tim and Sharon,
We will keep you and your families in our prayers during this time.
Marcia worked with her at the State bank in 1972.*

Marvin and Marcia Gamble

Marvin Gamble - November 14, 2013 at 08:41 PM

MS

“ *I just heard of your mother's passing.
I have many fond memories of her...her sugar cookies for one...and
the fun and piano playing
in her/your home in Arnolds Park during my childhood years. I'm so
sorry I missed attending
her services. Just keep in mind and heart that
"Heaven IS Real...and, she is living Vibrantly there at this moment!"
May God bless each of you with His Peace and Assurance of this.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you,

Marilyn

Marilyn Strickland - November 10, 2013 at 09:07 PM

DK

“ *So sorry for your loss. She was a great lady. Rich and Diane Kroese*

Diane Kroese - November 10, 2013 at 06:32 PM

KC

“ Sharon, I was so very sorry to hear of your loss. There is such a special bond between mothers & daughters, and I hope time will help heal the hurt you are feeling now. I'll keep you & your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Casson - November 08, 2013 at 04:12 PM

LR

“ Sharon, our hearts go out to you. We know how hard it is to lose a beloved mom. She sounded like a very special lady; and a runner!!! She raised a wonderful daughter. Our condolences to you and Les, to your brother and his wife, and the rest of your mother's extended family. We will be thinking of you tomorrow, with prayers.

Lois and John Rafferty - November 08, 2013 at 02:39 PM

KP

“ Sharon and Family, We were so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. We just read her obituary and she had a full life and also enjoyed life. We are sure that you will miss her but hope that your memories will help ease your sadness.

Kathy and Dan Penkert - November 08, 2013 at 12:44 PM