



Wilda M. Bowman

May 16, 1930 - February 25, 2023

Wilda M. Bowman, age 92, of Kearney, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Kearney Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the Countryside Christian Church in Kearney with Pastor Jeff Nielsen officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Burial and graveside services will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the Norton, KS Cemetery with Pastor Darel Boston presiding. Memorials are suggested to Countryside Christian Church, Norton Christian Church or the Peterson Senior Center. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Wilda was born on May 16, 1930 in Woodston, KS to Roy Charles and Mary Gladys (Penington) Lindahl. When Wilda was young the family moved to a farm in Phillips County, KS where she started school. Later, the family moved to Norton County, KS where Wilda attended School District #60 through the 8th grade. She then attended and graduated from Almena Rural High School with the class of 1947. That summer she attended Fort Hays College and earned a teaching certificate. From 1947-1950 Wilda taught school at the Cactus School south of Almena. She renewed her teaching certificate each year while also earning additional college credits. She met and later married John Wesley Sides on June 17, 1949 in Logan, KS. The couple later moved to Densmore, KS and welcomed their first child, Ronald Eugene Sides in 1951.

A second son, Keith was welcomed in 1955. Wilda lost John to a tragic automobile accident on January 5, 1957. Following the accident, Wilda and her two sons moved to Norton, KS where she took employment with the Norton County Welfare Department. She met Glenn Everett Bowman at the Safeway in Norton and the two were later married on August 14, 1959. Wilda and Glenn eventually had two additional sons together, Mark Steven Bowman in 1960 and Todd Michael Bowman in 1964. Wilda retired from the State of Kansas Social and Rehabilitative Services in 1992. In retirement, Wilda and Glenn enjoyed traveling and visiting family. Glenn passed away in 2005 and Wilda moved to Kearney shortly after to be closer to family. Wilda was a longtime member of the Norton Christian Church in Norton and later the Countryside Christian Church in Kearney.

Wilda is survived by her sons, Ron (Dyvonne) Sides of Hugoton, KS, Keith (Holly) Sides of Redmond, OR, Mark (Mary) Bowman of Kearney, NE and Todd (Courtney) Bowman of Canyon, TX; 11 Grandchildren; 14 Great Grandchildren; sister, Marge Sherman of Arvada, CO; sister-in-law, Lynn Lindahl of Tappahannock, VA and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Wilda was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, John Sides and Glenn Bowman; infant son, Kenneth Allen Sides; brothers, Charles Lindahl and James Lindahl; sisters-in-law, Florence Lindahl and June Wray and brothers-in-law, Warren Sherman and Duane Wray

Cemetery Details

Norton Cemetery

Norton, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Countryside Christian Church
3203 8th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM.

Norton Cemetery
Norton, KS

Tribute Wall

AG

“ I have hazy memories of Wilda when she lived in Densmore, but even after she moved to Norton, she always stopped to chat with Mom and I when we saw her out and about. Such a lovely spirit - she will be missed

Ardie Bernard Grimes - March 08, 2023 at 05:39 PM

JS

“ We're very sorry to hear of your loss and offer our prayers from the Schulte family. May you all find comfort in good memories and knowing that she is at peace. With sympathy, Jo Jean Schulte

Jo Jean Schulte - February 28, 2023 at 09:51 PM

JM

“ Wilda was like a second mother to me. Her soft, gentle voice & sense of humor were a treasure to all who knew her. She will be missed. Sending my condolences to her loved ones.

Joyce Rowley Moriarty - February 28, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilda M. Bowman.



February 28, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Wilda M. Bowman.



February 28, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Wilda M. Bowman.



February 28, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Wilda M. Bowman.



February 27, 2023 at 07:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Wilda M. Bowman.



February 27, 2023 at 01:42 PM

DS

“ *Heaven gained a beautiful angel - Wilda was a friend and we had many long conversation when we were both in Norton. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Blessings*
Sister Denise Schmitz, csj

Denise Schmitz - February 27, 2023 at 12:16 PM

JO

“ *Wilda was such a wonderful person and a dear friend. When she still lived in Norton, she used to walk with another friend by my house. She would often stop, look at my petunias in the window box and dead head my flowers for me. She knew I didn't like that job. When she moved to Kearney, several of us would go up for the weekend and stay at Wilda's home. It was always a great time and full of laughs. Lots of great memories of a very special lady.*

Joan - February 27, 2023 at 11:09 AM