



Wilma Etcher

May 4, 1925 - September 18, 2016

Wilma Etcher, age 91, of Lovilia, passed away on September 18, 2016, at Vista Woods Care Center in Ottumwa.

Wilma was born on May 4, 1925 in Ottumwa to Arthur and Abbie (Goff) Peterson. She grew up and attended Eddyville High School and graduated with the Class of 1942. On March 7, 1943 she was united in marriage to Albert Guy Etcher. To this union 6 children were born, Don, Dale, Jerilyn, Mary, Carol, and Jean. They shared 57 years of marriage together until Albert's passing on March 3, 2000.

Wilma was a homemaker for most of her life and enjoyed taking care of others. She was a member of the Independent Bible Church in Bussey and would help with the Ladies Aid Group. She was a gifted seamstress and quilter and made over 300 quilts, 150 dresses for Africa and in one winter she crocheted over 50 afghans. She enjoyed reading, scrap booking, and cherished her photo collection of her children and grandchildren. Her real joy in life was spending time with her friends and family.

She is survived by her 6 children, Don (Barbara) Etcher of Lovilia, Dale (Jeanne) Etcher of Indianola, Jerilyn Hall of Ottumwa, Mary (Don) Hines of Montezuma, Carol (Ray) Ryon of Ottumwa, and Jean (Tim) Mercer of Fairfield; 25 grandchildren; 52 great grandchildren and 19 great-great

grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert; a grandson, Jeff Ballard; a brother, Maurice Peterson and 2 son-in-laws, Kenny Chidester and Tom Hall.

A visitation will be held at the Tharp Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 1:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. with Wilma's family present from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Independent Bible Church in Bussey, with Pastor Andy Tuttle officiating. Burial will follow service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Independent Bible Church or the Christiansburg United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Lovilia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Independent Bible Church
Bussey, IA 50044

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Etcher*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Wilma Etcher*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Many treasured memories of this neat lady and of her family when they were growing up. God be with all of you.*

Chuck & Margaret Mordan - September 21, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wilma Etcher.*



September 19, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma Etcher.*



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“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Wilma Etcher*.



September 19, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *A Full Life* was purchased for the family of *Wilma Etcher*.



September 19, 2016 at 08:44 AM