



Wilma JoAnn Gutcher

October 26, 1931 - August 20, 2017

Wilma “BoBo” JoAnn Gutcher, age, 85 of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2017, at Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa.

Wilma was born October 26, 1931, to Dave and Minnie (Story) Sandeen on the family farm in Monroe County. She grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating from the Albia High School with the class of 1949. Wilma married William Gutcher on November 14, 1951, at home on the family farm. To this union, 2 children were born, Ed and Debbie. Wilma and William shared 43 years of marriage prior to his passing on January 17, 1995.

Wilma was a homemaker and sold Avon. She also worked for an eye doctor in Albia. She was a member of the Sweet Adelines and of the Cow Bells, which is a branch of the Cattlemen’s Association. She was also a 4-H Leader. Wilma won Queen of Tops (a weight loss program) which she was able to travel to Canada for. She was also named the Queen of Breast Cancer for which she was able to travel to Washington DC. Besides her many activities and accomplishments, family always came first for Wilma. She took care of her husband in his last days and has taken care of many family members over the years. Her true joy in life was spending time with her family and friends, who gave her the nickname “BoBo.”

Wilma is survived by 2 children, Ed Gutcher of Albia and Debbie Stephan of

Oskaloosa; a sister, Roberta Kiene of Republic, Missouri; 3 nieces, Betty Briener, Sandy Kosman, and Cheryl Hartje; 3 great-nephews, Cary (Danette) Kosman, Josh Gutcher, and Roger Stewart; and 2 great nieces, Stephanie Gutcher and Miranda Kosman.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, William; her parents, Dave and Minnie; a sister, Betty Briener; a nephew, Gary Gutcher; a niece, Linda Briener; and a great nephew, Chris Kosman.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Burial will follow the service at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Wilma's family present from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday evening to greet family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial to the American Breast Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.
Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma JoAnn Gutcher*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Wilma JoAnn Gutcher*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I will miss Wilma's smile, and sitting at the table and chatting with her for the past three years, she always seemed to have a happy attitude. It was a privilege to know her , I will always have fond memories of her.*

*You have my sympathies,
Anna Mae Rouw*

Anna Mae Rouw - August 20, 2017 at 03:34 PM



Thinking of Wilmas family during this difficult time. She was always so cheerful and encouraging. Nancy G

Nancy Gutcher - August 21, 2017 at 10:14 AM