



Wilma Marie Templer

December 14, 1926 - May 4, 2021

Wilma Marie (McCoy) Templer, age 94, of Festus, MO, formerly of Albia, passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at Crystal Oaks Skilled Care in Festus.

Wilma was born on December 14, 1926, to William Caswell and Willie Marie (Northup) McCoy in Empire, CA. She grew up and attended school in Modesto, California, graduating with the Class of 1945. Wilma then attended Modesto Junior College and later William Penn College in Oskaloosa, IA, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. On September 3, 1948, Wilma was united in marriage to Walter Roy Templer in Empire, CA. Wilma and Walter shared 63 years of marriage prior to his passing on August 4, 2012.

Wilma taught school in the Albia Community School District for 21 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Albia, the local & state Retired Teachers Association, Albia Women's Club, and RSVP Group.

Wilma enjoyed cooking and gardening. Music was Wilma's passion and she was a talented musician. She taught piano lessons and played the organ at Monroe County Brethren Church and Pleasant Corners Baptist Church. She also played the keyboard, accordion, and the fiddle with local bands and her musician friends, Dan Walker, Patty Gray, and Cindy Rhodes. Wilma's other

true joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Wilma is survived by 2 daughters, Karen Deimerly of Holly Springs, NC and Sandy (Gary) Wallace of Hillsboro, MO; 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and 1 on the way; 2 sisters, Trudi Padgett of Visalia, CA and Edie (Lee) Musgrove of Dixon, CA; and a brother, Chet McCoy of Fair Oaks, CA.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; a daughter-in-infancy, Marjorie Templer; a daughter, Rebecca "Becky" Hilleman; her parents, William and Willie McCoy; 3 brothers, Billy, Virgil, and Ray McCoy and a son-in-law, Jack Deimerly.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Wilma's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Arlene Johnson officiating. Burial will follow services at Pleasant Corners Cemetery near Eddyville.

Memorials may be directed to the family for the purchase of a memorial bench at Pleasant Corners Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
203 Washington Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Marie Templer*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Wilma Marie Templer*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I guess I have known the Templer family most of my life starting with going to school with Karen at North Castle country school. A grand Lady, with a ready smile. We will be out of town during visitation and the funeral. Prayers for comfort and peace.*

Gary Sample - May 10, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *I will always think of music when I think of Aunt Wilma. Several years ago we traveled across the US and were able to stop and spend a few days with her. You could see the "sparkle" in her eye when I asked if she could play the accordion. Well, very soon there were three accordions in the living room. The heaviest one we propped against the kitchen counter so she could play it. She played beautifully and my kids were impressed. What an experience for them. I know she is sitting on the right hand of God playing the accordion which he has made light as a feather for her. I will listen for her when I get there!*

Salle Acevedo - May 10, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“ Karen

Prayers and deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Linda Ryan Silverio

Linda Silverio - May 07, 2021 at 04:12 AM

GP

“ *Our families lived 2,000 miles apart, California to Iowa, but somehow the loving bond of family kept us all in touch more often than not. Aunt Wilma and I exchanged emails quite often up until a couple of years ago when they became less and less frequent. No matter what I sent to her, even just a "thinking of you" she ALWAYS responded and pretty quickly.*

She and her family would make trips out to CA through the years and we enjoyed several "reunions" at our family house in my childhood, and even at our own house as adults. She'd make the rounds from Sacramento to Exeter making sure she got to visit with everyone. Most of the time, we managed to bring out the instruments and played music with her a lot. Great memories.

God bless her family with the comfort of knowing she's now enjoying your lifelong hope and faith, because it is sight to her now with her loved ones who've gone before, and the Lord Himself!

We'll always remember how she showed everyone what love was all about and how to have happy times through it all!

*Greg Padgett
Nephew*

Greg Padgett - May 06, 2021 at 06:38 PM

CW

Aunt Wilma was a beautiful woman who loved her family very much! I know she held such a wonderful place in her heart for her brothers and sisters which includes my mother, Trudi. I've heard the stories of how she led the siblings through some tough times in their childhood and after marrying and moving to Iowa, she was always supportive of my mom as my mother continued leading the younger siblings through their young lives. Aunt Wilma will be greatly missed and I know she is with Jesus now because she loved him, trusted in him and sang to him. I'm so glad she came to Dixon for a reunion a few years back and re-connected with so many of us. We are praying for you Sandy and Karen, as you grieve the loss and look forward to seeing her again.

Lovingly, Carole (Padgett) Wily, niece

Carole Wiley - May 08, 2021 at 07:30 PM