



Wilda I. Holmes

January 16, 1928 - June 5, 2015

Wilda I. Holmes 87 of Bluffton passed away at 4:49 a.m. Friday, June 05, 2015 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

She was born on January 16, 1928 in Wells County to Dwight & Ruby (Zehner) Brickley. A lifelong Wells County resident, she graduated in 1946 from Petroleum High School. She was an active member of the P.T.A. for many years at Columbian School along with being a member of the American Legion Post #111 Auxiliary.

On March 5, 1948 in Bluffton, Wilda and Francis "Link" Holmes were married. She is survived by her husband of Bluffton along with children: Terry D. (Joyce) Holmes of Churubusco, IN, Carey L. (Susan) Holmes of Fort Wayne, Jeffrey L. (Bobbi Dent) Holmes of Fort Wayne, Pamela S. (Dennis) Bober of Tampa, FL, Kevin L. (Janis) Holmes of Bluffton, Robin K. (Denette) Holmes of Bluffton along with 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by brothers/sisters: Robert G. (Priscilla) Brickley of Craigville, Jerry (Janis) Brickley of Springboro, Ohio, Dwight "Earl" (Shirley) Brickley of Bluffton, Phyllis (Herman) Fiechter of Craigville.

She is preceded in death by a son Timothy D. Holmes, a sister Meleta Eschbaugh along with a brother Richard Brickley and two granddaughters: Sara Elaine Holmes and Gabrielle Diane Holmes.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday (June 10, 2015) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Larry Sprinkle will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 8 on Tuesday (June 9, 2015) and

from 9 to 11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made in Wilda's memory to Wounded Warrior Project.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JUN **10**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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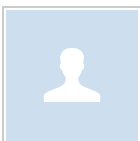
Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilda I. Holmes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 10, 2015 at 07:06 AM



“ *Wilda I. Holmes*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *BJ Gray lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes*



BJ Gray - June 10, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ *My Sympathy...
Pam (Kirkwood) Powelson*

Pam Powelson - June 10, 2015 at 06:37 AM

LS

“ Lisa Small lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes



Lisa Small - June 09, 2015 at 08:39 AM

KS

“ Kenny, Kristie, Karissa, and Kassidy Sliger purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Wilda I. Holmes.



Kenny, Kristie, Karissa, and Kassidy Sliger - June 09, 2015 at 05:12 AM

EB

“ Pam and family: I always thought of your sweet mother as I drove past the house on Oak Street when visiting my mother on Cherry Street. One day I stopped and had a wonderful visit with her. I'll always remember her warm smile and kind words. My condolences to you on the loss of such a special woman. -- Ellen Haecker Ball, Granger, IN

Ellen Ball - June 08, 2015 at 07:04 PM

JR

“ Jerry Ross lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes



Jerry Ross - June 08, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ Dave And Sandy Stout lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes



Dave and Sandy Stout - June 08, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Wilda I. Holmes.



June 08, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - June 08, 2015 at 10:19 AM

 Twila
Darren

“ *My family & I would like to send our condolences to the family of Wilda Holmes. We lived across the alley from the Holmes', had many great conversations with Wilda, laughing and joking at times. She will be missed greatly. My heart goes out to all of her children. I grew up watching Wilda rushing out to get laundry off the line before it would rain, or shoo away the squirrels from her garden. Twila Affolder (Palmer)*



Twila Darren - June 07, 2015 at 07:58 PM

TY

“ *Trudy Barker Young lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes*



Trudy Barker Young - June 07, 2015 at 02:42 PM

TE

“ *Linc and family:
We will be out of town all week and, therefore, will miss seeing you at the funeral home. I was fortunate to be able to visit with Wilda just a few weeks ago and she was very upbeat.
Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. -Marge and Ted Ellis*

Ted Ellis - June 07, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ *Pam and family, Thinking of you and wishing you God's peace in the days ahead.*

Valerie Wilson Jackson - June 06, 2015 at 09:44 PM

NB

“ Our condolences to the family of Wilda Holmes. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Sincerely,
Tom and Nance Butcher

Nance Butcher - June 06, 2015 at 04:18 PM

SM

“ Wow, lost two former wonderful neighbors in one week, Eunice McKee and now Wilda. As many have written, Wilda always had a smile on her beautiful face and was a good neighbor and a very busy mom. I always enjoyed seeing her and being a neighbor as a young girl. May she rest in peace.



Suzanne Markley - June 06, 2015 at 11:59 AM

SR

“ I am so sorry to hear of your Mom/Grandma's passing. Wilda always made me feel like family. I am sure she is in a much better place. Love and prayers for each of you.
Sandy (Draper) Robbins



Sandy Robbins - June 06, 2015 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ To Wilda's family, my thoughts are with you. I hold many great memories of Wilda from growing up. She was always kind and sweet. Rest in Peace!

Susan (Colen) Stoneburner - June 06, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BP

“ I remember Wilda as always having a warm smile for everyone. Enjoyed visiting with her on occasion. Sweet lady! Sympathies to her family.

Becky Gerber Pfister - June 06, 2015 at 07:02 AM

LH

“ Always had a smile and a hug ready for all. A sweet person. She will be greatly missed, but at peace now. Love and prayers Linda

Linda Holmes - June 05, 2015 at 06:32 PM

LH

“ Linda Holmes lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes



Linda Holmes - June 05, 2015 at 06:28 PM

CH

“ To the family of Wilda Holmes: My condolences on the passing of this wonderful woman who I had the chance to visit a few years ago with my nephew Jamie at her home in Ft. Wayne. My Mom and Wilda always kept in touch with each other for many years. My Mom considered her a friend. She truly was an inspiration to everyone around her and she will be missed. RIP Wilda...

Carole Hannigan - June 05, 2015 at 06:23 PM

CL

“ *Crystal (Flowers) Loshe lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes*



Crystal (Flowers) Loshe - June 05, 2015 at 04:46 PM

SB

“ *Steve And Naty Bradtmiller lit a candle in memory of Wilda I. Holmes*



Steve and Naty Bradtmiller - June 05, 2015 at 08:33 AM