



Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert

September 9, 1921 - August 19, 2013

Wilma Jean Gilbert, 91, of Bluffton, passed away at 5:45 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2013 at Kindred Health and Rehabilitation of Bluffton.

Wilma Jean was born in Petroleum, Indiana on September 9, 1921 to Clarence D. and Lela (Hollon) Risser. She married Dwight W. Gilbert in Petroleum on January 11, 1942. He preceded her in death.

Wilma Jean graduated from Petroleum High School in 1939 and was a life-long resident of Wells County. She was a homemaker and also worked many years with her husband in their business, Gilbert's Garage. She was a member of the Bluffton Reformed Church and regularly attended the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Melanie (Ted) Shady of Bluffton, Debbie (Daniel) Church of Smithville, Missouri, one brother, Edward (Marlene) Risser of Bluffton, one sister, Velmarose (Herman) McCormick of Bluffton, four grandchildren, Todd (Robin) Shady, Marla (Ben) Karas, Sarah (Seth) Price, Matthew (Paloma) Church, eight great-grandchildren, Nicholas Shady, Stephanie Shady, Leah Karas, Alex Karas, Brian Karas, Noah Price, Rachel Price, Abigail Price, two sisters-in-law, Ruth Risser and Dortha Evans. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Risser, Kent Risser and by a grandson, Michael Shady.

Calling hours are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22, 2013 and 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2013 at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home. Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Dr. Bryson Bell and Pastor Les Cantrell officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Bluffton Reformed Church, First Baptist Church or Family Life Care.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Rosalyn E. Walden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert*



Rosalyn E. Walden - August 25, 2013 at 06:15 PM



“ *Lavender & White Tied Nosegay was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert.*



August 22, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ *In Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert.*



August 22, 2013 at 12:08 PM



“ *Melanie, Debbie and families:*

The children of Robert & Jane Reusser (both deceased) wish to extend our sincere condolences to you and your families. Your mother left a great legacy, as did your Dad.

Nancy Reusser Halstead, Carlsbad, CA, Carol Reusser Foltz, Greenwood, IN

Jim Reusser (deceased) John Reusser, Bluffton, IN

Tim Reusser, Brownsburg, IN Dave Reusser, Liberty Center, IN

Donna Reusser Penrod, Bluffton, IN Brian Reusser, Geist, IN

We, along with our families are praying for your family. May God give you strength and courage in the coming weeks, and may the love and your memories sustain you.



Nancy Reusser Halstead - August 21, 2013 at 11:52 PM



“ *Mildred I. Risser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert*



Mildred I. Risser - August 21, 2013 at 08:11 PM

DW

“ Dear Melanie, Debbie and families,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you deal with the loss of
Wilma Jean. She was a special lady. I am very sorry that I will not
be able to attend the viewing or the service. I am in Deltona, FL,
and will not be home until Sunday. Thinking of you, Dolores Wilson

Dolores Wilson - August 21, 2013 at 05:19 PM

CA

“ Connie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Wilma Jean Gilbert



Connie Arnold - August 20, 2013 at 09:15 AM

BF

“ Bill And Sandy Fair lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Wilma Jean Gilbert



Bill and Sandy Fair - August 19, 2013 at 10:09 PM

HJ

“ Herb And Janet lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Wilma Jean Gilbert



Herb and Janet - August 19, 2013 at 08:13 PM