



Lorraine (Ross) Wilke

July 11, 1920 - January 31, 2017

Lorraine (Ross) Wilke, age 96 years, a resident of rural Belknap, passed away Tuesday evening, January 31, 2017, at 7:25 PM at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Doug Miller, in Paducah, Kentucky.

Lorraine was born July 11, 1920 in Pope County Illinois. She was the daughter of Charles Roscoe and Annie (Womack) Ross.

On November 13, 1948, Lorraine was united in marriage to Leonard Wilke in Harrisburg, Illinois. He preceded her in death on October 14, 1981.

Lorraine is survived by: her children – Kay (her husband, Doug) Miller of Paducah and Ray (his wife, Martha) Wilke of Belknap; 3 grandchildren – Terri Ann of Jacksonville, Florida, Weston of Vienna and Ashlin of Joppa; 4 step grandchildren – Christina of Salem, Kentucky, Vanessa of Franklin, Kentucky, Nathan of Salem, Kentucky, and Keith of Louisville, Kentucky; 4 great grandchildren; 8 step great grandchildren; a sister-in-law – Ora Nell Ross of Marion; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Lorraine was preceded in death by: 4 brothers – John “Buck”, Abe, Carl and Clifford Ross and 2 sisters – Beulah Crews and Bonnie Lou Litman.

Lorraine was a 1937 graduate of the Vienna High School. Following her graduation, Lorraine attended business college in Marion, Illinois for a period of time on a scholarship which she had earned. During World War II, Lorraine was employed as an airplane assembler at a manufacturing plant in Evansville, Indiana.

Lorraine was a proud homemaker and loved being a farm wife. In her spare time, she enjoyed crafting hand woven rugs. Lorraine was a member of the Anderson Congregational Church in the Boaz community.

A service honoring the life of Lorraine Wilke will be conducted Thursday afternoon, February 2, 2017, at 2 PM at the Anderson Congregational Church, 6283 County Road 150 East, Karnak, Illinois.

Burial will be in the Anderson Cemetery.

There will be no public visitation prior to the service. However, the family will receive relatives and friends following the service in the fellowship hall of the church.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or to the Joppa High School (F.F.A. Program), P.O. Box 10, Joppa, Illinois 62953.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Cemetery

County Road 150 East
Karnak, IL

Previous Events

Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Congregational Church
6283 County Road 150 East
Karnak, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Lorraine (Ross) Wilke*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *DENNIS AND PAT HARNER lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke*



DENNIS AND PAT HARNER - February 04, 2017 at 06:27 AM



“ *Diane Baker lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke*



Diane Baker - February 03, 2017 at 03:55 PM



“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - February 03, 2017 at 10:28 AM

LC

“ *Very sorry for your loss.* ”

Larry and Dianna Choate - February 02, 2017 at 09:09 PM

GW

“ *Greg and Denise Wasuleski* ”



Greg Wasuleski - February 02, 2017 at 05:18 PM

JS

“ *John & Nadene Slack lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke* ”



John & Nadene Slack - February 02, 2017 at 03:08 PM

CH

“ *I remember picking strawberries with Aunt Lorraine. Loved her.* ”

Carrie Hutchison - February 02, 2017 at 12:26 PM

ER

“ *Elaine Rotan sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke* ”



Elaine Rotan - February 02, 2017 at 10:23 AM

JE

“ Our condolences to Ray, Martha and all other family members and friends.

James and Marita Estes - February 02, 2017 at 08:41 AM

JT

“ J C THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke



J C THOMAS - February 01, 2017 at 04:31 PM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke



David and Ellen Hill - February 01, 2017 at 04:16 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke



Sheri Robinson - February 01, 2017 at 01:48 PM

KK

“ I doubt there are very many "little" girls from our community who don't have wonderful memories of The Wilke home. Lorraine took us all into that basement and showed us how she made those beautiful rugs. The loom was like a piano being played by a well known pianist. And the treat never stopped there, it seems like she always had home made cookies or one of those delicious sheet cakes. I send my sincere condolences to her family and friends. She was a great lady and much loved.

Karen Riley Krueger - February 01, 2017 at 01:16 PM

KB

“ Karen (Evans) And Rich Brumley lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke



Karen (Evans) and Rich Brumley - February 01, 2017 at 08:11 AM

KB

Kay and family, Ray and family: So sorry for your loss. May you find comfort at this time.

Karen (Evans) and Rich Brumley - February 01, 2017 at 08:13 AM

DA

“ She was always so good and kind to me; I will Miss Aunt Lorraine



Daniel - January 31, 2017 at 11:05 PM

JW

“ *Jane Ross Wright lit a candle in memory of Lorraine (Ross) Wilke*



Jane Ross Wright - January 31, 2017 at 10:29 PM

JW

My Aunt Lorraine was a very special aunt. She will truly be missed in so many ways. We loved you..Clearon and Jane Wright

Jane Ross Wright - January 31, 2017 at 10:32 PM