



Obituary

Born: Tuesday, September 16, 1930

Died: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Velma Christison, age 89 of rural Pittsfield, IL passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on September 16, 1930 to Harry and Frances (Ellis) Reel. Velma married the love of her life, William Christison on June 24, 1950 at the Detroit United Methodist Church in Detroit, IL by Reverend John Watson and he survives.

Velma graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1948 and went to work at Stark Brothers. Soon after, she met Bill when he came to build a pond for her dad and that moment is where their love story began. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Ellis Family Farm where she was born and raised and continued to live until her passing.

Velma was a loving wife and mother who was always stylish and put together with a little sass. She loved to cook and is described by her son-in-law as the best cook in Pike County. She continued to teach her daughters her secrets while fixing Sunday lunch for her family every week. Velma loved embroidery, needlepoint and quilting. She enjoyed making quilts for all her grandchildren and great grandchildren along with gifting each of her daughters a special quilt for their 50th birthdays. Velma was a member of the Detroit United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, HCE, Country Couples and Pike Promenaders. Bill and Velma enjoyed square dancing, playing cards and games, and took great pleasure traveling with family and in later years enjoyed traveling with Goodwin Tours.

She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Bill Christison; daughters, Peggy Guthrie of rural Pittsfield, IL, Sandra (John) Farrell of rural Pittsfield, IL, Brenda (Jim) Swartz of rural Pittsfield, IL and Vicky (Earl) Phillips of rural Pittsfield, IL; grandchildren, Rodney (Jessica) Guthrie, Jill (Luke) Wiley, Amy (Richie) Williams, Lisa Farrell, Katie (Jim) Shields and Abby (Joe) Landolt; great grandchildren, Will and Xan Guthrie, Kara, Lauren and Hannah Williams, Drew, Dylan and Ellie Shields and Ben and Jack Landolt. Also surviving is brother; A.C. (Norma) Reel; sister, Leta Jean Daniels and sister-in-laws, Ann Reel and Pat (Clarence) Huseman.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Lois Miller; brother, Harry Lee Reel and son-in-laws, Paul Guthrie and Robbie Howland.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Detroit Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Blue River Cemetery . Visitation will be held on

Service Summary

Visitation

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Wed Feb 05, 2020

Pittsfield Location

530 W. Adams & Franklin St.
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Thu Feb 06, 2020

Detroit Methodist Church

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Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to be made to Blue River Cemetery. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Velma's memory to the following organization:

Blue River Cemetery
Detroit, IL