



Obituary

Born: Saturday, March 2, 1929

Died: Saturday, February 6, 2021

Geneva E. Wheeler, age 91, of Mesa, AZ, formerly of Pittsfield, IL passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at her son's home. She was born on March 2, 1929 in Detroit, IL to Eben and Rita Splain Pennock. She married Lyle Wheeler on April 24, 1947 in Detroit, and he preceded her in death on September 30, 1993.

Geneva graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1946. She was a stay home mother and farmer's wife for thirteen years and then went to work as an aide for Bartmann Nursing Home in Atlanta, IL for five years. At age forty, she went to Nurses Training and became a Licensed Practical Nurse, working another five years for Bartmann. Geneva went to work for the State of Illinois as an LPN and retired in 1996 then moved back to Pittsfield. While in Pittsfield, she enjoyed being involved in Ladies Aid at Milton Christian Church and the Little Blue Club before returning to her home church, Detroit Methodist Church. Geneva relocated to Amarillo, Texas to live with her daughter, Janice, and son-in-law, Bill, and enjoyed participating and hosting "Life Begins at 40" group as well as other activities and attending services at Victory Church. After Janice passed away, Geneva moved to Mesa, Arizona where she had been living with her son, Phil and his wife, Patty. Geneva always enjoyed a beautiful yard with yard ornaments and swinging on the patio watching the birds at the feeders. She will be missed.

She is survived by two sons, James (Debbie) Wheeler of Downs, IL and Phil (Patty) Wheeler of Mesa, AZ; eleven grandchildren and two step grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren and five step great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren and six step great great grandchildren; and son-in-law, Bill Spaits.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Wheeler; daughter, Janice Spaits; and siblings, Elizabeth Barker, Everett Pennock, and Eloise McDowell.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Detroit United Methodist Church in Detroit, IL. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM -11:00 AM prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow at Bethel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to be made to Bethel Cemetery. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield is handling the arrangements.

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

Service Summary

Visitation

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Sat Feb 20, 2021

Detroit Methodist Church

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Funeral Service

11:00 AM Sat Feb 20, 2021

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Bethel Cemetery
Griggsville, Illinois