



Wilma Marie Handt

November 19, 1927 - December 22, 2018

Wilma Handt, 91, of Charles City, IA died Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Floyd County Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm with a one hour prior visitation on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 S Main St, Charles City, IA. Pastor Russ Leeper will be officiating. Inurnment will follow at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Wilma Marie (Koebrick) Handt, the daughter of William and Lenora (Hoeft) Koebrick, was born November 19, 1927 at home in Chickasaw County near Bassett, Iowa. She attended small rural schools for her early education and attended Charles City High School for grades 9 through 12 where she graduated in 1945.

Wilma worked at Salisbury on a coop program during high school and became a full time employee after graduation. Wilma left this job and headed west with a friend and spent some time exploring and working in Santa Anna, CA. She eventually headed back to Charles City and was employed at Oliver Tractor Company. Wilma took time off work to raise her family, but eventually began working in the Charles City High School office where she was secretary to the principal until she retired in 1990.

Wilma married Robert Handt at Cross Lutheran Church in Charles City, Iowa on December 18, 1949. Bob and Wilma built their home on 7th Ave. in Charles City where they raised their two children, Michael and Teri. After her children were grown and following Robert's death in 2010, Wilma lived at this home for the remainder of her life, sharing it with her many beloved pets.

Wilma enjoyed planting beautiful pink impatiens flower baskets during the summer months, reading, sewing, socializing with her women's group, getting together with her retired friends from school and her Wednesday lunches at the Dairy Queen. She loved spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren whenever she could. Wilma will be missed by all who knew her.

Living family members include her children: Michael Handt of Charles City and Teri (Dave) Nelson of Minneapolis, MN; grandchildren: Kristi (Jake) Cherney of Madison, WI and Matthew (Kayla) Nelson of Minneapolis, MN; one great-granddaughter: Brooke Cherney; two sisters: Carol Chestek and Gladys Kellogg of Charles City; two brothers: Wesley Koebrick of Charles City and Russel (Sue) Koebrick of St. Paul, MN; along with several nieces, nephews; and her beloved cats, Jimmy and Johnny.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Robert; and sister; Annabelle (Koebrick) Grimm.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Memory Garden

Charles City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
200 S Main
Charles City, IA

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Marie Handt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Aunt Wilma & Uncle Bob lived just 1 1/2 blocks from our home during my childhood years. There were countless walks between the two families back & forth between the homes. So many memories =the huge extended family dinners spent together & the smaller family get-togethers for picnics at Wildwood & Clear Lake. Aunt Wilma would come often when we were in CC to visit my Mom (Lolly) & she liked getting caught up on all the family. Kristi, your photos of your grandma will be lovely memories . Eileene & Larry*

Eileene Katcher - January 09, 2019 at 03:05 PM



“ *The Robert & Almay Nelson Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Wilma Marie Handt.*



The Robert & Almay Nelson Family - January 06, 2019 at 01:26 PM

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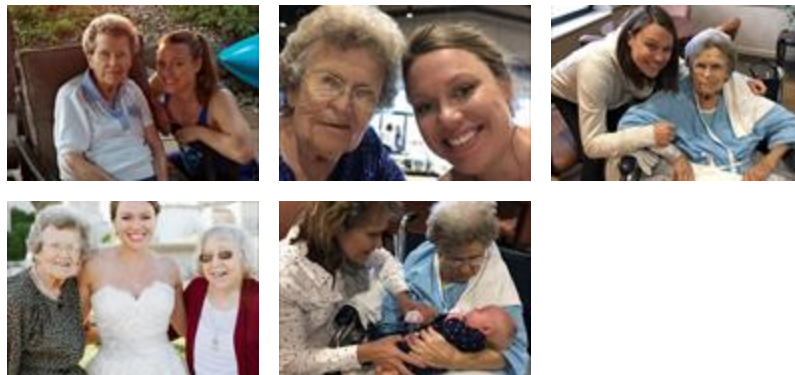
“ I got to know Wilma when she joined the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association a few years ago. Locally we are known as Big 4. She and Diann Riha often came together to our gatherings. I got to visit with Wilma over the phone a few times and enjoyed it very much. We often talked about retirement and IPERS. Reading her obituary confirmed that she was a very interesting lady! My sympathies to all of Wilma's family. Mary Koenigsfeld

Mary Koenigsfeld - January 03, 2019 at 12:48 PM

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“ I sure will miss my grandma but am so thankful for all the wonderful memories I have of her. These photos are some of the more recent memories -- my wedding, my brothers wedding, summer visits to Madison, and when she met her great granddaughter for the first time! Grandma had a heart of gold.

Grandma, I love you.



Kristi - December 29, 2018 at 01:02 PM