



Rowena Wilson

March 8, 1934 - April 27, 2019

Rowena (Ro) Wilson, 85, of Bolivar, Mo passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019 at home after a hard fought illness with her loving family by her side.

Ro was born March 8, 1934 in Springfield, MO to Ollie and Vera Day Young. After graduating from Marshfield High School, Ro attended Southwest Missouri State University, where she met Wayne Wilson. The two fell in love, and when Wayne returned on leave from the military, the two were married. He came home on a Sunday evening, and the wedding was the next day. Over the next 60 years, the two would share in many adventures together.

Early in their marriage, Wayne and Ro lived in many different places. She enjoyed teaching children in Nevada, MO, Jefferson City, MO, and Memphis, TN. Upon moving to Bolivar, which was Wayne's idea, she was asked if she would like to work in the insurance office for a year. That initial invitation became a career spanning more than two decades as a licensed insurance agent alongside her loving husband.

Ro enjoyed becoming involved in any community where she lived. She was a proud state officer as a Jaycette during her time in Tennessee, and also served as a Girl Scout leader, PTA member, room mother, and founder of the PoCoMo Wrangler 4-H club. Ro was a charter member of both the CMH Auxiliary and Silo Ridge Auxiliary and also a longtime member of the Bolivar United Methodist Church. Simply put, Ro enjoyed finding ways to serve

others.

Above all, Ro always put her family first. She loved her granddaughters dearly and made every effort to attend their many activities and events. She enjoyed traveling to horse shows with Lisa for many years, vacationing, attending sporting events and much more as long as she was with her family.

Ro is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Wayne Wilson, as well as her parents, Ollie and Vera Young. She is also preceded by her brother, Paul Young, and her nephew, David Young.

Ro is survived by her daughter, Lisa Lehman and husband Craig of Bolivar, MO, as well as her granddaughters, Lindsey Lehman and Leah Lehman, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lisa and her family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Gail Lord, as well as Melissa Lightfoot and her staff. The work of these amazing caregivers made the last months of Ro's life a treasured time.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ro's honor to CMH Hospice and the Bolivar United Methodist Church.

Visitation for Ro Wilson will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 5-7 PM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 1 PM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Graveside services will be held at the Marshfield Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rowena Wilson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rowena Wilson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rowena Wilson.*



April 30, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ *So very sorry to learn of your loss. Always enjoyed seeing her and your family at the 4th of July gathering. Thinking about you.*

Joan (Greer) Cologna - April 30, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rowena Wilson.*



April 29, 2019 at 10:03 PM

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“ Ben and Gail Boulware Lord purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rowena Wilson.



Ben and Gail Boulware Lord - April 29, 2019 at 01:08 PM

GA

“ Gail lit a candle in memory of Rowena Wilson



Gail - April 29, 2019 at 12:42 PM



Craig, Lisa and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Bea Hill

Bea Hill - April 29, 2019 at 09:54 PM

AE

Lisa, Alan and I are so sorry for you loss, and we are thinking of you. My parents, Ron and Nancy Richards wanted me to pass on their condolences as well. - Ann Engleman

Ann Engleman - April 30, 2019 at 04:55 PM