



Wilma Jean Cleveland

March 10, 1929 - March 18, 2023

Wilma Jean (Bachtel) Cleveland, age 94, of Brookfield, Missouri, passed peacefully at 9:20 am on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Hillside Village in De Soto, KS.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm. Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO; with Terrie Howerton officiating. Burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery, Brookfield, MO. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO; with family receiving friends from 1:00-2:00 pm. Services are under the direction of the Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

Memorials have been suggested to the Shriners Children's Hospital or St Jude's Children's Research Hospital and may be left at or mailed to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, Missouri 64628. On-line registry at www.rhodesfh.com

Wilma Jean was born on March 10, 1929, in St Catharine, Missouri, the daughter of Orville William Bachtel & Ruby Ethel (Thudium) Bachtel. She was a 1949 graduate of Brookfield High School. On August 5, 1950, she married James Wesley Cleveland. After a career that spanned 47 years working in various positions at the United Missouri Bank in Brookfield, she retired in 1995. Throughout her life, she was a horse owner, barrel racing and participating in horse shows and parades. Her favorite thing to do on a Saturday afternoon was spend hours riding her horse in the country. She enjoyed camping, water skiing and spending time with her family.

Wilma Jean moved to De Soto, KS to live with her daughter in 2018 where she enjoyed spending time with her daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughters, going to their many activities. She moved into Hillside Village's Assisted Living in 2021, thriving with many new friends and charming the staff members, even letting everyone there call her "Wilma". There she found her love for crafting, bingo, and tons of hot chocolate!

Wilma Jean is survived by her daughter, Linda (Floy) Switzer of De Soto, Kansas; five grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Wesley Cleveland, her parents, her son, Larry Gene Cleveland, and her two brothers, William "Billy" Bachtel and Dail Bachtel.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Park Circle Drive
Brookfield, MO 64628

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home
216 Linn St.
Brookfield, MO 64628
(660) 258-7221

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ I worked with Wilma Jean at United Missouri Bank back in the early 80's. Sure enjoyed her and always gave her grief about her mega collection of shoes!

Dottie Hines - March 27, 2023 at 10:13 AM

JF

“ Linda, I'm so sorry to hear you've lost your mom. It sounds like she had a full, wonderful life and got to spend some good quality time with you and your family. Sending my deepest condolences. Janet (Piggott) Fletcher

Janet Fletcher - March 21, 2023 at 10:14 AM

LM

Wilma Cleveland always worked at our bank when I was growing up. And St. Catharine was a good place to be born. And Wilm's son-in-law Floy grew up as our neighbor north of Bucklin. Sincere sympathy to your family.

Leroy Miller - March 21, 2023 at 02:27 PM

BS

Wilma was such a sweet, sweet lady! She always had a smile on her face ! I know you will miss her Linda and family. Sending sincere sympathy and prayers!

Bev Staley - March 23, 2023 at 04:11 PM

BT

We just learned about Wilma Jean passing on. So sorry to have missed the visitation and funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with the her family. Bill & Shane Thudium

Bill Thudium - March 23, 2023 at 05:17 PM