



Lorene Wilcox

March 7, 1915 - May 13, 2017

Lorene Wilcox, age 102, of Laurie, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Laurie Care Center. She was born March 7, 1915, in Mercer County, Missouri, the youngest of four children born to Elbert and Leafy (McCully) Hammond.

Lorene attended school in Half Rock and Princeton. She also studied at NW State and William Jewell College.

She worked for Montgomery Ward, assisted her father at the family farm and was the first woman to hold office as Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Deeds for Mercer County in 1956.

On December 5, 1936, she married Kermith Curtis and they had two children, Bill and Nancy. He preceded her in death in 1956. On June 28, 1957, she married Ellis Wilcox and they were married fifty-seven years. He preceded her in death on December 21, 2014.

Lorene enjoyed her family, fishing, quilting, card playing, counting dominoes, solving cross word puzzles, flowers and traveling.

She was a faithful member of the West Lake Christian Church in Laurie.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Coughenour and husband Gary of Collins, Iowa; step-daughters, Betty Lee Cox and husband Amos of Kearney, Missouri and Patty Sue Neville of Columbia, Missouri; daughter-in-law, Joan Curtis of Omaha, Nebraska; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Moore and husband Kenneth of Lee's Summit, Missouri and numerous nieces, nephews and many extended friends. In addition to her parents and wonderful husbands, she was preceded in death by her son, William Allen Curtis, brothers, Ardith Hammond and Cleon Hammond and a sister, Arlene Clark.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18th, at the West Lake Christian Church in Laurie with Pastor Kelly Caldwell officiating. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, at the church. Graveside services and interment will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 19th, at Princeton Cemetery in Princeton, Missouri with Pastor Sean Hammond officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the West Lake Christian Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.

Cemetery Details

Princeton Cemetery

Princeton, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

West Lake Christian Church
936 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65037

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Lorene has been a blessing in my life the past two years, always sharing her stories with laughter and a twinkle in her eyes! I will miss her deeply but will cherish our good times always 🥰💕
Katherine Lacroix

Katherine Lacroix - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 PM