



Elsie M Wilkens

November 12, 1924 - November 28, 2024

Elsie M. Wilkens, age 100 of Mesa, AZ, formerly of Manteno, passed away Thursday, November 28, 2024, at Broadway Mesa Village in Mesa, AZ.

Elsie was born in Piper City, one of six children. She helped her mother run a boarding house in Kankakee. Elsie met her first husband, Larry Lottinville, at a dance at the Labor Temple in Kankakee and married him at age 18. After Larry died, she met and married Edwin Wilkens. They were married for 13 years. During those years they moved to Arizona and spent their time traveling and having fun.

Elsie worked for Douglas Aircraft in Chicago for 2 ½ years during WWII as a riveter on C54 cargo planes. She was given the nickname of “Rosie the Riveter.” Elsie was so proud of her service to our country.

Elsie was a member of the Church of God in Manteno, a church that she and her husband helped build.

Surviving are two nieces and two nephews, and a good friend, Ed Duvall.

Elsie is preceded in death by her husbands, Lawrence and Edwin; her parents; and five siblings.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Kankakee. Reverend David Hanners will officiate the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to the Church of God in Manteno.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Graveside Service

DEC 13. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Elsie M Wilkens*



MR MRS - December 07, 2024 at 01:47 PM

JJ

“ *TIL we meet again my dear aunt, I love you!*



Jolinda Jones - December 07, 2024 at 08:48 AM