



Ilene Dykstra

July 12, 1927 - January 24, 2017

Ilene Dykstra, 89, of Normal, passed away Tuesday, (January 24, 2017) at the McLean County Nursing Home, where she had been a resident for less than a month. Prior to this, she lived with her daughter (Nancy Denniston) and her family for the past nine years, until she required more skilled nursing care. She was born July 12, 1927, in Papineau, the daughter of Floyd and Flora Price Barney. On September 4, 1948, Ilene married Harold Dykstra. He preceded her in death on February 24, 2015.

Ilene was very dedicated to her family as a devoted wife to Harold, a loving mother and grandmother to her children, their spouses, and her grandchildren. She was a gifted seamstress and was known for the quality crafts and clothes she made. She was a children's Sunday School teacher at the Wichert Reformed Church for many years before moving to the Bloomington-Normal area in 1998. Ilene and Harry wanted to be closer to their family living in central Illinois.

Ilene had a strong faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Among her favorite Bible passages were Psalm 23 and Ephesians 2:8-10.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jeff Denniston of Normal; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Donna Dykstra of Appleton, Wis.; grandchildren (and spouses), Joel (Angela) Dykstra, Katie (Ryan) Cherry, Amber (Andrew) Meade, Kristin (Jeremy) Schambach, Allison Denniston, Benjamin (Micah) Denniston, Emmanuel Denniston, and Joshua Denniston; two great-granddaughters, Kenzeigh and Brooklyn Denniston; one great-

grandson, S.J. Meade, sister and brother-in-law, Mona and Eugene Schaafsma, of St. Anne; and sister and brother-in-law, Maria and Ron Glasgow, of Kankakee.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and one great-granddaughter Rylee Denniston.

A private family memorial service is planned for Saturday, January 28, 2017, with her son, Pastor Greg Dykstra officiating. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Wichert. Memorials may be made to the Bible Witness Camp in Pembroke Township.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

7697 E. 4500 S. Rd.
Wichert
St. Anne, IL 60964

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ilene and Harry were wonderful people Nancy & Greg, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. It is tough to lose a parent at any age, but I know you find great comfort in knowing she was a Christian and you have many good memories to cherish. Tami*

Tami Schaafsma - January 26, 2017 at 01:13 PM

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“ *I had Ilene as one of my Sunday School teachers while growing up in Wichert. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Tina (Hedge) Emerson

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