



Wilma Jean Willey

March 18, 1925 - October 11, 2014

Wilma Jean Willey, age 89 of Crown Point passed away on October 11, 2014. Jean was a PTA officer from the 50s through the 70s and very active in all PTA activities. She and her late husband opened their home to foreign exchange students from Peru, Chile, and Japan. One of her hobbies was growing plants. She worked with local, state, and national African Violet Society. She started the Hoosier African Violet society in Crown Point, IN. She assisted each year in putting on the local African Violet show and won many awards with her plants as well as awards at the Crown Point Fair. She had been featured on the Crown Point Garden Walk for several years and assisted other years as a volunteer. She was involved with Hoosier African Violet Society of Crown Point for many years. She formed the Garden Club of Waterford Townhomes. Another hobby was working with miniatures houses and rooms. She attended local, state and national conventions across the country. She was President of the South Holland Miniature Association. Currently involved with the Crown Miniature Society and She has been a past officer of both of this group. She received numerous awards for her needlework at the Lake County Fair.

She has been active with her church both in Harvey, IL and Crown Point. She was president of Women's Society at First United Methodist of Harvey. She was a member of Crafty Grannies which helps with the preparation of the weekly programs at First United Methodist Church of Crown Point. Jean was a

stay at home mother who also worked in her husband's business but still enjoyed a weekly bowling league for more than 30 years. She and her late husband also found time to travel extensively through the United States and the world.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert "Leon" Willey; brother, Elmer Archie Packingham, sister, Evelyn Davis and grandson Sean Willey. Wilma is survived by 2 daughters – Dawn Johns of St. Croix, Virgin Islands and Anita (Theodore) Murack of Wylie, TX; 2 sons – Richard Willey of Cartersville, GA and Roger (Marilyn) Willey of Alpharetta, GA; brothers – Norman Packingham of Homewood, IL and Ronald (Jo) Packingham of Hermitage, TN; 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service Friday, October 17, 2014 at 3 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Rev. Mark Wilkins officiating. Friends are invited to meet with Jean's family on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home. Private interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, Chicago. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Park

12540 S. Halsted St
Calumet Park, IN 60827

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. Jean was one of the kindest and sweetest people we knew. She was a blessing to all and we will miss her.

Jim and Karen Brougham

Karen Brougham - October 26, 2014 at 08:00 PM

HM

“ It's great to read these memories of my grandmother. She was always very thoughtful. She would even remember all my kids (her great grandchildren) birthdays and call to wish them a happy birthday. I'll never erase those sweet voice mails.

Heather (Willey) Maciel - October 26, 2014 at 02:11 PM

AR

“ I was so saddened to hear of Jean's passing. I knew her when I was a member of the Hoosier African Violet Society. I love the photo of her here - with one of her gorgeous violets. She was so friendly and welcoming to me when I was a member. She was such a great grower of African violets - she won the Magill Cup (a special award in the Illinois African Violet Society's annual show) more than any other exhibitor in the history of the award: seven times! I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to her family.

Adrienne "Annie" Rieck - October 20, 2014 at 03:39 PM

BV

“ Jean always sat by my family in church. She was always such a lovely woman she would crack jokes and be so inviting. She loved to kid with my husband about his bald head and would rub it. She was also so excited about my wedding last April and said it was a great month to get married because she got married in that month. She will be truly missed.

Brittney Vallow - October 19, 2014 at 07:28 PM

RK

“ Mrs. Willey was always so kind. I remember her beautiful flowers under lights in her home. She almost was hit in the head with a 7-UP bottle by my dad, Tony Sergott, at his 60th surprise party when he walked into the dark kitchen!!!! Roxane (Sergott) Kurt

Roxane Kurt - October 16, 2014 at 07:10 PM

JG

“ Jeffrey Dunn and Elizabeth Girvan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wilma Jean Willey.



Jeffrey Dunn and Elizabeth Girvan - October 16, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Wilma Jean Willey.



October 16, 2014 at 08:58 AM

LW

“ Love you, Winnie purchased the *Beautiful in Blue*
for the family of Wilma Jean Willey.



Love you, Winnie - October 15, 2014 at 05:15 PM