



Bernelda "Billie" Lewis

April 27, 1926 - January 5, 2017

Bernelda "Billie" Lewis, 90 of Cairo passed away with her loving family by her side on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home, with a Vigil service at 7.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Fr. Jim Golka will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Billie was born on April 27, 1926 on the family farm near Fullerton, daughter of Arthur and Blanche (Goodman) McCurdy.

Her memory is cherished by her daughters, Lynette and Tracy Lewis of Cairo; grandchildren, Deven Weekley of Wood River, Ashley (Shawn) Scheer of Grand Island, Tina Nemitz of Omaha, Tony and Cory Dillow of Omaha, Terry Lynn Dillow of Santa Barbara, Ca; daughter-in-laws, Maria Dillow of Omaha and Bonnie Dillow of Las Vegas, NV; she is also survived by ten great-grandchildren and three great- great-grandchildren; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Billie is welcomed into heaven by her husband, William; parents; sons, Chuck and Terry Dillow; and all five of her siblings.

Billie was raised on the family farm near Fullerton where she attended school until the 8th grade. Billie always was a hard worker and she began waitressing following school. She continued her education on her own and spent many hours reading the dictionary to expand her knowledge.

In January of 1961 she was united in marriage to William Lewis. The couple made their home Grand Island and in recent years they lived in Cairo. For over 32 years they owned and operated Midwest Security Services. Besides working side by side with her husband, Billie also was an excellent cook, baker, bookkeeper, quilter, artist and crochet master. Anything she put her mind to she did and she did well. All of Billie's grandkids have fond memories of cooking with Grandma Billie and her house being known as the Goodies house. It wasn't just baked goods and cooking, Billie also loved to garden and would can the produce. Billie's house was always open and welcoming to any and all. She would bake for months for the holiday gatherings or just to feed who wandered in. Through the years, Billie saw many changes and being young at heart, she would just roll with it. Billie's home was a safe haven. She saw the good in people. Billie treated everyone with respect and found the joy in the simple things in life. Her sense of humor endured until the end and she was always game for sharing a shot of her homemade schnapps.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Vigil Service

JAN 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801-5897
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernelda "Billie" Lewis*

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