



## Wilma Jane Dobesh

October 25, 1927 - January 3, 2017

Wilma Jane Dobesh, 89 of Grand Island died on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at Tiffany Square Care Home.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Grace Lutheran Church. Rev. Daniel Bremer will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Wilma is survived by three sons, Cletis and Beth of Lincoln, Gregory of Grand Island and Michael and Patty of Wood River; seven grandchildren, Jon Dobesh of Lincoln, Brad and Kelly Dobesh of Grand Island, Klesha and Joshua Miller of Crete, Josh and Stacey Van Pelt and Jacob and Jenna Van Pelt of Lincoln, and Jennifer and Jazzlyn Dobesh of Wood River; plus, eight great-grandchildren and a niece, Karol Alderman of Fairbanks, AK.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Ernie, her parents, John and Anna Bangert, a sister, Lavina Kratzke and a niece, Regina Hall.

Wilma was born on October 25, 1927 in Webster County to John and Anna (Colburn) Bangert. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church near Guide Rock, attended Zion Parochial grade school and graduated from Lawrence High School. After graduation in 1945, she went to Omaha for classes in communications. This led her to a work position at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

On September 15, 1946 she married Ernest Dobesh at Zion Lutheran Church. They lived in Kearney, where Ernie was manager of a hybrid seed company,

until 1952, and then relocated to a farm northeast of Wood River. In 1983 they moved to Grand Island.

Wilma managed the books for Dobesh Farms Inc. She enjoyed working with genealogy, reading, good music and travel. She was a previous member of Grace Lutheran Church at Wood River and a current member of Grand Island Grace Lutheran Church. Through the years she was involved with Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Circle groups, Alter Guild, and children's Sunday school. Wilma participated in an Extension Club and helped with a 4-H group. She was a member of Rotary Anns and a past member of the Rotary Foreign Youth Exchange.

Wilma was civic minded and interested in community progress. She was appointed by Governor Thone to the Rural Health Manpower Commission and appointed an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. She served on the Grand Island Postal Advisory Board and also the Grand Island/Hall County Crime Stoppers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Heartland Lutheran High School, Grace Lutheran Church Choir of Grand Island or a charity of Donor's Choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
545 E. Memorial Drive  
Grand Island, NE 68801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Jane Dobesh*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Our family extends condolences to Wilma's entire family. Being a cousin of Ernie's we saw each other more when we were all younger, though we kept in touch until in latter years. Always appreciated her genealogical expertise in researching our families and she will be remembered with grateful hearts. We regret that it will be impossible to attend any of the services for her, but know that our prayerful thoughts are with each of you. we pray that both Wilma and Ernie rest in peace. May The Good Lord bless you. We send our love and sympathy,*

*Albert and Eleanor Mazour (Joe J. & Alice ((Barta)) Mazour)  
Hamersky*

*5600 Pioneers Blvd #236  
Lincoln, NE 68506-5176*

Eleanor Hamersky - January 08, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Jane Dobesh.*



January 07, 2017 at 02:11 PM

MM

“ My mother, Hildred Bangert Schutte, wife of Alfred Schutte, was a first cousin to your mother. They were not only related but were very good friends. Mom would drive to Grand Island to visit Wilma, called her often and wrote her letters until Mom passed away in 1999. After that I tried to write to her, call her and actually did visit her once when I came back from California. I am Hildred and Alfred's oldest daughter.

Your Mom was very sweet and pleasant and a wonderful Christian. She was very proud of you boys and I know you and your families did many things to make her happy!

Marjorie Schutte Martin  
Acton, California

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**Marjorie Martin** - January 07, 2017 at 11:15 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy Charlene Hansen-Webber

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**charlene Webber** - January 06, 2017 at 02:15 PM

TC

“ Heaven gained a very special lady & the angels must be rejoicing with her arrival. Our sincere sympathy to her loving family during this difficult time if saying farewell until we meet again. Praying for strength & peace and sending our love to the Dobesh family.

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**Terry & Darlene Clinch** - January 06, 2017 at 01:05 AM

KS

“ I always admired Wilma's love for family and sharing stories, especially the old Bangert Clan stories! And what a memory she had... never forgot anything! I always enjoyed visiting with Wilma! She frequently talked about my mom and her sharing a birthday! What a reunion in heaven that is! She will be missed! My sympathy to all of the family!

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**Kay Schutte** - January 05, 2017 at 12:07 PM

JP

*Our deepest condolences for your family. Janet & Joan Price*

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**Joan Price** - January 08, 2017 at 03:07 PM

MC

*I knew Mrs. Dobish, while working at Commercial Federal Bank. I always admired her as she was an intelligent woman and we had such good conversations. She loved her husband and her family and was I knew how proud of them she was. I have thought about her over the years since I've moved away from Grand Island and will always be grateful that I knew her as a friend. God bless her and the family. I have no doubt that she is watching over her family with Ernie right next to her.*

*Michelle Callahan*

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**Michelle Callahan** - January 11, 2017 at 11:31 AM