



Wilda Jean Spencer

December 29, 1935 - February 7, 2025

Wilda Jean Spencer age 89 of Rolla Mo passed away Friday, February 7, 2025 at Boone County hospital in Columbia Mo. She was born December 29, 1935 in Phelps County Mo to Julius and Zelma Eickhorst where she was raised and attended school. After her schooling she worked at a local restaurant before becoming a telephone operator. She met the love of her life, William "Bill" Spencer and they were united in marriage on April 4, 1954. At which they had two children, a son William Alvin Spencer Jr and a daughter Beverly J Spencer.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother, and homemaker, she was a precious daughter of God and was devoted to her Christian faith.

She worked as a rural letter carrier sub through the United States Postal Service for several years. Upon leaving that position, she started a home hobby business in making Hobo style purses which led to her most rewardable and enjoyable hobby; machine quilting. Making her own quilts and sewing for the public gained her notoriety throughout the local area and beyond. In the 30 years of quilting, she made 3500 some quilts that warmed homes across the United States, including Alaska. Displaying warmth and love through her work, she lovingly gifted many baby quilts, quillows, along with regular quilts to her siblings ,nieces and nephews as well as her own immediate family and a few close friends. She also donated quilts to the Doolittle Fire Department to help raise money at their annual benefit.

She found pleasure and enjoyment in listening to gospel and bluegrass music,

particularly attending bluegrass festivals and jam sessions where she gained many friendships.

She is survived by son William Alvin Spencer Jr, and daughter Beverly J Spencer. Five brothers and one sister; Willie (Shirley) Eickhorst of St James, Charlie (Emmadene) Eickhorst of Buckhorn, Floyd (Earlene) Eickhorst of Hermitage, Danny (Ruby) Eickhorst of Preston, Joe (Brenda) Eickhorst of Russellville, Mo, and sister, Lee Smith and husband, Dennis of Russellville, Mo and many nieces and nephews. Although no grandchildren of her own, she was known as the Missouri grandma to a special friend and family.

Preceded in death; husband William "Bill" Spencer, parents Julius and Zelma Eickhorst, one brother Jimmy Eickhorst.

Cemetery Details

Pearidge Cemetery

Doolittle, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Rolla, MO 65401
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Funeral Service

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 17. 12:45 PM (CT)

Pearidge Cemetery
Doolittle, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a beautiful sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with Beverly and other family members in this time of sorrow.* ”

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