



## Wilma Ann Tipton

October 17, 1930 - September 26, 2019

Wilma Ann Tipton of Vichy, Missouri passed away Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the Maries Manor in Vienna, Missouri at the age of 88. Wilma was born at home in Safe, Missouri on October 17, 1930, to the late William Bola and Galena (Sewell) Welch.

Wilma was born at home, the eighth child of the nine that her parents would have. Safe was a small community ten miles north of St. James, Missouri. There were a few houses, a grocery store, post office, a telephone company, and a dairy, Dr. Underwood was the local country doctor. Wilma remembered meeting a boy at a farm sale when she was ten. Years later, during her freshman years of high school, this same boy looked all grown, and was a junior. His name was Benny Leroy Tipton. They met at the local drug store, Benny sat beside Wilma, and offered to buy her a cherry coke. They soon fell in love and were married on a cold December 4, 1949, in the living room of her parent's home with their best friends by their side. Wilma and Leroy raised three children. Dennis, David, and Cheryl.

After graduation, Wilma worked for three years at the Rice Stix Dress Factory in St. James, Missouri, she would mark for the buttons on the dresses, she was able to save \$17.00 a week. Wilma learned her cooking skills from her mother and older sisters while living on the family farm, it was something she enjoyed to do. She worked as the head Cook at Harrison Center School in Maries County for five years before going to Rolla, Missouri where she worked

as a Dietary Cook for the Diagnostic Clinic for 17 years. She enjoyed canning, and quilting. She made everyone of her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren a quilt, along with quilts she made to donate for the raffle at the Vichy Fire Department. She loved Angel Food Cake, and the colors yellow, and pink. For Wilma, Being able to volunteer her time at the Church and Fire Department fundraisers, were both a blessing and a joy.

Wilma and Leroy were faithful members of the Broadway Baptist Church, nine miles north of St. James, where Leroy served as a deacon. Wilma was also very involved with the Church Activity Committee, and the Community Quilting Club. Her motto was "Do unto others as you would like done to you." Her advice to pass along was to "Be happy and enjoy life, don't take life to serious. Enjoy friendships and family. Stay honest and always have a goal to work toward." Wilma valued the love of her family, friends, and her church.

Wilma Ann Tipton is survived by her sons, Dennis Tipton, (Betty Sue), of Vichy, MO, and David Tipton (Shevawn), of Vichy, Mo; Grandsons, Thad Tipton, Ben Tipton (Cathy), and Nicholas Schott (Katie). Granddaughters, Tonya Jacquin (Donnie), and Heather Wunderlich (Andrew). Great-grandchildren, Mason Price (Gabby), Dalton Price (Sara), Skyler Price (Mya), Braydon Tipton, Ella Tipton, Avery Wunderlich, Abby Tipton, and Anna Tipton. Preceding Wilma in death were her parents, William Bola and Galen Sewell Welch; husband, Benny Leroy Tipton; daughter, Cheryl Daniels; brothers, Cecil Welch, and infant brother, Jimmy Welch; sisters, infant, Annie Welch, Myrtle Rinehart, Ethel Mae Gunset, Grace Corbin, Betty Grotha, and Jane Spurgeon; daughter-in-law, Joyce Tipton.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Scott John officiating. Interment will be at the High Gate Baptist Cemetery with Mason Price, Dalton Price, Skyler Price, Brayden Tipton, Ben Tipton, and Thad Tipton serving as pallbearers. A visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 5-8PM. memorials are suggested and greatly

appreciated to The Broadway Baptist church/or The Vichy Fire Department,  
cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

# Cemetery Details

## High Gate Baptist

High Gate, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

117 Seymour St.

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Ann Tipton*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Wilma Ann Tipton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wilma Ann Tipton.*



October 03, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Ann Tipton.*



October 01, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma Ann Tipton.



October 01, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ We are so sorry about Wilma’s passing. Please accept our sincere sympathy.  
Dave & Karen Colgrove

colgrove - October 01, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ Dennis and Davis so sorry for your loss. Life isn't the same after we lose mom. RIP Mrs Tipton.

Cathy Rogers Hollinger - September 30, 2019 at 07:47 AM



David @ Shevawn so Sorry about your mom  
Praying for all 🙏

neva @Danny Redel - September 30, 2019 at 04:25 PM



I meant Dennis and David so sorry for your loss. Life isn't the same with out mom...RIP Mrs. Tipton

Cathy Roger Hollinger - October 05, 2019 at 06:36 PM

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“ Beth lit a candle in memory of Wilma Ann Tipton



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**Beth** - September 29, 2019 at 05:45 PM

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“ Oh the memories of this wonderful woman. Had some great times that will never be forgotten. Loved her laugh and her stories. Lots of history dying here today. These are some tough times. Hoping one day to be able to smile and laugh about the past but right now it is just too fresh. Prayers to all of your family as this is hard..  
Beth Bock

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**Beth** - September 29, 2019 at 05:43 PM