



## Marie A Wilkinson

June 1, 1919 - February 11, 2014

CENTRALIA --- Marie Adelaide Wilkinson, 94, of Centralia, died on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, at Centralia Manor. She was born June 1, 1919, in Carlyle, the daughter of Frank Lawrence and Mary Rose (Schnieder) Spitz. She married Grover Edwin Wilkinson on April 27, 1943, at Camp Rucker, Ala., and he preceded her in death on May 5, 1965. Survivors include two sons, William "Bill" Wilkinson and wife, Kay, of North Carolina and Ron Wilkinson and wife, Phyllis, of Indiana; two daughters, Judy Berry and husband, Jim, of Centralia, and Nancy Allen and husband, Bill, of Centralia; eight grandchildren, Susan, Michelle, Matt, Chris, Josh, Jaicie, Christina and Sara; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; nieces, nephews; and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Ann Wilkinson; one brother, Joseph Spitz; and three sisters, Catherine Kiehna, Helen Isert and Virginia "Ginny" Diesen. Mrs. Wilkinson traveled with her husband during his career in the U.S. Army, and lived on base with their children at Pine Camp, New York; Ft. Sheridan, Chicago; Ft. Riley, Kansas; Eta Jima, Japan; Baumholder, Germany; and later, Ft. Benning, Georgia. While in Japan, she was active as a Red Cross volunteer. She received her associate's degree from Kaskaskia College in May of 1973, and was employed for several years as an assistant librarian at the Centralia Public Library. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia, where she was active in the Altar Sodality and Catholic Daughters of America. She was a Church Women United member for many years,

having served as an office holder and she attended the CWU state assembly in 1979. She was also a member of American Legion Auxiliary. One of the high points of her faith walk was touring the Holy Land in the 1970s. She was a woman of strong faith, always willing to serve God, her family and country. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, bingo and crossword puzzles. A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia. Father Justin Olisameaka will officiate. Friends may call from 10:00 A.M. until time of services at the church. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Centralia. Memorials may be made to St. Mary Church and will be received at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ Had planned to attend the Visitation and funeral today but was not possible. Remember Marie most working with her in Church Women United when she was Treasurer. We also were neighbors for a good many years on Sycamore Street. Condolences to the family.

Elaine Bush - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ May you find blessings and peace in the arms of the Lord, Grandma, and joy in the reunion with Aunt Marilyn and Grandpa. We love you and will miss you.

Christina Sheley - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ It has been a pleasure knowing you and becoming friends at 8&40 and American Legion Aux. and as your caregiver later, I will miss you. She was a great lady.

Mary Martin - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ She was a very nice lady. My oldest grandson remembers her from the library. Our prayers go out to all family involved. Dannie and Lynn Johnson

February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family. Sorry for your loss. Bob and Sue Diesen

February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I worked with Marie at the Centralia Library for several years and remember her fondly. I am so sorry to hear she is gone.

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**Theresa Cartmell Schaefer** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Marie was a quiet and pleasant cousin. I didn't know of her until the trip to the "Holy Land". There I found myself on a trip with a relative...how fun. She was my dad's first cousin. So, sorry for your loss. She had a long and full life. Sincerely, Gayla (Schnieder) Voss

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**Gayla Voss** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM