



## Wilma L. Wells

January 30, 1936 - January 5, 2025

Wilma L. Wells, 88, of Kalkaska, Michigan, passed away peacefully at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center's Eden Center on January 5, 2025, with family by her side.

Wilma was born on January 30, 1936 to the late William and Anna (Drake) Fryhover, in Kalkaska County. Other than a few months in Grand Haven, she lived the rest of her life in and around Kalkaska. She started kindergarten in the little one room school at Sharon and graduated from Kalkaska High School with the Class of 1954.

On June 9, 1956, Wilma married Bernard "Dale" Wells and to this union two daughters, Deborah and Lori, were born. She was a part of the Church of Christ at Spencer, where she played the piano for many years. Also, in the past, she worked with the youth. Wilma enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens and always had enough to share with her many precious friends. She also enjoyed a good deer hunt.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her daughter, Lori Hegarty; grandchildren David and Alex, Colin and Alison and Alec and Sarina; great-grandchildren Arya, Shivam, Kartik and Harrison; several nieces and nephews and extended family. Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Anna; husband Dale; daughter Deborah; sisters Mildred Frydel and Maxine McCullen. A special thank you to the staff at Eden Center and Heartland Hospice for their love and care, and to Jan Aten for your friendship, love and advocacy. Visitation will take place at the Church of Christ at Spencer on Saturday,

January 11 at 11:00am. A Celebration of Life will begin at 12:00 noon, followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) local food drive. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Christ at Spencer  
2785 Elm Street  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

HK

“ *Hendricks kids purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Wilma L. Wells.*



Hendricks kids - January 08, 2025 at 10:43 AM

EF

“ *Prayers for the family. Fond memories of singing in trio with her and Helen Hall. All my singing groups are going home without me.*

Ellen Fogel - January 07, 2025 at 06:08 AM

LO

*Thank you Ellen. She always loved your time together ❤️*

Lori - January 07, 2025 at 06:10 PM

WK

*When I lost my Gramma Mildred her sister I lost track. So sorry for her loss. She was always nice to me and I was and am impressed with her hunting. I planned on attending but a very bad flu. I am sorry I couldn't make. Aunt Helen I also loved. Just 2 amazing women that I will remember.*

Will Kleehammer - January 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

MP

“ She was one of my first Bible teachers and made a lifelong impression. Wilma and Helen Hall were a wonderful team at Spencer Church of Christ when I attended VBS for the first time back in the early 60s. Under their guidance I learned my first Bible memory verse, enjoyed crafts, listened to fascinating accounts of missionaries—and marveled at Bible stories brought to life with flannel graph figures. They laid a foundation for my Christian faith and service. I’m grateful for all the sweet memories. Looking forward to seeing her again in eternity.

Mary Ellen (Lantzer) Pereira - January 06, 2025 at 10:50 PM

LO

Thank you. Such beautiful memories. Thanks for sharing. ❤️

Lori - January 07, 2025 at 06:11 PM

RO

Wilma was a beautiful soul and a very giving person. I remember her pushing Debbie in a baby buggy when Debbie was an infant. I remember her love & devotion to Lori as a young child. She was a wonderful piano player and I enjoyed her singing as well. She was always a joy to converse with. Lori, I am so sorry for your loss but hold your memories close. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care. Patty Jackson Rodgers

Rodgers - January 11, 2025 at 12:14 PM

RL

“ Wilma was such a sweet and wonderful lady. I will miss her. Prayers to her family for comfort.

Rachel L. - January 06, 2025 at 01:19 PM

LO

Thank you Rachel! Thanks for being there for her. It was wonderful meeting you.

Lori - January 06, 2025 at 06:27 PM