

Bernadine Wiley, 95 ✓

Jan. 6, 1917 - Nov. 17, 2012

IRWIN — Bernadine Elsie Wiley, daughter of Elmer and Jenny (Norgaard) Pedersen, was born on January 6, 1917 in Harlan. She spent her childhood on a farm near Defiance with her three brothers: Howard, Richard and Charlie and her sister, Laura Mae. She grew up on the family farm helping with chores and enjoyed riding horses with her brothers and sisters. Bernadine went on to graduate from the Defiance High School with the class of 1935 and then made her home in Harlan. After high school, Bernadine began working with families around Harlan by cleaning their homes and working as a live-in nanny.



Bernadine enjoyed going to dances and it was at a dance in Defiance that she met her husband to be, Virgil Wiley who was just discharged from the United States Army during World War II. They were married on March 31, 1946 at the Methodist Church in Harlan and Virgil often teased her that they really were married on April 1 - April Fool's Day! Together they raised three daughters and two sons on a farm near Irwin. They enjoyed attending dances together and traveling to South Dakota for reunions with Virgil's Army buddies and their spouses. She enjoyed taking her grandchildren for rides on her three wheel bicycle, doing cross word puzzles, writing in her journal, sewing, visiting family and friends and reading - especially her Bible. Bernadine also played the tambourine in the Irwin Kitchen Band. Virgil and Bernadine retired from the farm in 1978 and moved into Irwin. Bernadine died on November 17, 2012 at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of ninety-five years, ten months and eleven days.

In addition to her parents, Bernadine was preceded in death by her husband Virgil; son Steven; grandson Richard Lee and her brothers and sister. She is survived by her children: Diana Weber and her friend Al Gomez of Irwin; Nancy and her husband Kenny Dersien of Denison; Gary Wiley and his friend Diana Schwenk of Omaha, NE and Deb and her husband Marvin Gross of Earling; five grandchildren; three step grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and six step great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Leila Blackburn officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service at the United Methodist Church in Irwin. Serving as casket bearers were Linsey Wiley, Autumn Wiley, Jessica Staudt, Jason Gross, Skyler DeWitt, and Kyle Staudt. Interment was held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.

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