



In Loving Memory
Ardath Arlene Wilcox
 1925 - 2019



6For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For one will hardly die for a righteous man; [a]lthough perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:6-8



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Ardath Wilcox — Sunfield, MI

Ardath Wilcox was born April 27, 1925 to Leo and Ethel Hynes. She grew up on a farm near Woodbury, Michigan with her brothers Glendon, Cecil, and Lynwood (Lindy). During the teen years and into early adulthood, the family gathered every Sunday night for music nights. They performed at local gatherings and events such as PTA nights. Ardath also sang at various venues with a women's trio. After graduating from Woodland High School in 1943, she took a job at Union Bank in Lake Odessa.

Raymond Wilcox, her husband of 71 years, was the love of her life. They met at the free movies in Sunfield. They were married in 1947 and lived in the Sunfield area all their married life. Into their home, were born Kendall and Lorraine. Ardath delighted in being a stay at home mom and invested much of her time as a school volunteer serving in band boosters and other parent organizations. She worked part time as a school librarian and later returned to Union Bank after her children graduated from school.

Ardath was active in the Sunfield United Methodist Church helping with Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and kid's choir. She enjoyed making floral arrangements for the church, playing piano and singing in the choir, especially cantatas. She volunteered as church treasurer for many years. She was an extremely generous woman and often gave anonymously to those in need. Ardath enjoyed many hobbies. She loved sewing, gardening, home canning, entertaining and all kinds of music. She learned to golf at the age of 54 and won the local league championship the next summer. Green and white became her favorite colors as she loved to attend MSU basketball with her husband Raymond and her brother Lindy and his wife Beth Hynes as season ticket holders. But her greatest pleasure was supporting her family in all their endeavors. Ardath and Raymond rarely missed an event. They became regular fans at Maple Valley, Lakewood and Portland following grandkids' ball games, concerts and award programs. They made friends wherever they cheered and became team "grandparents" to many kids besides their own.

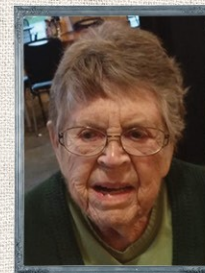
The past two years, Ardath and Raymond were blessed with in home care by Luminate Care of Lake Odessa. Ardath enjoyed the company of her caregivers as well as their gifts of word search books. She will be missed by her friends from Luminate.

On Tuesday night she enjoyed what she described as her "best birthday ever" with a family birthday dinner. Later that night, she had a stroke and passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Trusting Christ as her Savior, she is now enjoying a stress and pain free life with Christ.

Ardath was preceded in death by parents, Leo and Ethel Hynes, stepmother Hildred Hynes, brothers Glendon (Mary) Hynes, Cecil Hynes, great granddaughter Kyra Winslow, in-laws Arlene Weeks, Donnie Wilcox, Paul Morehouse, Bonnie (Roy) VanHouten. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Raymond, her children Kendall (Kerry) Wilcox, daughter Lorraine (Brian) Benedict, seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She is also survived by brother Lynwood (Beth) Hynes, sister in law Penny Hynes and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Sunfield United Brethren Church from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Please note that A Celebration of Life will be held at a different venue, her home church, Sunfield United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 11 a.m. followed by a graveside service and a luncheon at the Sunfield United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Sunfield SPYS or the Sunfield United Methodist Monday Night Supper Fund which provides free meals to the community.

Please visit a special page created for Ardath to leave a condolence for the family: www.RosierFuneralHome.com The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Funeral Home.



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Date of Birth

April 27, 1925

Date of Death

May 1, 2019

Celebration of Life Service

11:00 AM – Tuesday

May 7, 2019

Sunfield United Methodist Church

Officiating

Pastor Joseph Benedict

Pastor Heather Nolen

Pallbearers

Keather Winslow, Keith Wilcox, David Benedict, Daniel Benedict, Samuel Benedict, Benjamin Benedict

Interment

Sunfield Cemetery

