



Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz

July 18, 2013

Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz, 78, of Wyalusing, PA formerly a long time resident of Towanda, PA passed away peacefully Thursday, July 18, 2013 at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Memorial Hospital, Towanda, PA.

Esther was born in Montrose, PA on May 21, 1935 the daughter of John and Arlene Blaisure Wilbur. She attended grade school in Laceyville and Birchardville, PA and graduated from Rush High School in 1953.

On June 6, 1953 she married Robert L. Karpauitz in the Stevensville Presbyterian Church. Esther was employed by Hurr's Dairy Store from 1960-1969, the J.J. Newberry Store from 1970-1975, and the Hub Store all in Towanda from 1975-1984. In 1984 she became employed by E.I. DuPont in Towanda and remained there until her retirement in April of 2000. During her retirement, Esther delivered flowers for the Towanda Florist and Baskets Blooms & Beyond. Esther was a member of the North Towanda United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women's Group. She was a life member of the Towanda Gun Club, Monroeton Rod & Gun Club, and the Towanda Elks Lodge Auxiliary. She was a member and past president of the Towanda American Legion Auxiliary, member of the LeRaysville Cemetery Board, served as a Memorial Hospital Hospice volunteer for 9 years and volunteered at Memorial Hospital's Gift Shop and for several additional local organizations. Esther was active in Girl Scouts for 33 years and was active in

Brownies and Girl Scouts when her daughters and granddaughters were members.

Esther enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and many Sheraton bus trips over the years with her sister Ruth. She will be remembered for the numerous greeting cards for all occasions she sent to family and friends and for her extensive collection of angels and Barbie dolls. Esther battled cancer from 1996 until she was declared free of the disease in 2002. As a cancer survivor, Esther assisted with the Relay for Life and additional Cancer Society programs. She was very thankful and felt deeply blessed for the assistance she received and dedicated prayer and prayer chains of family and many truly wonderful friends which provided healing, support and strength.

Esther is survived by her children, Susan Allis and husband Jack of Monroeton, Gary L. Karpauitz of Monroeton, Robin Moore and husband Lee of West Warren, Allan "Ark" Karpauitz of Hornbrook, Lorinda Vanderpool and husband Robert of Spring Lake, grandchildren, Jason Moore and wife Amber, Natasha Karpauitz, Nichole Karpauitz and fiancé John Keeney, Ashley Allis, Melinda Milliron and husband Jesse, Joshua Vanderpool and wife Patricia, R. J. Baker, great grandchildren, Taci and Tanner Milliron, brothers, Allan "Sarge" Wilbur and wife Marie of Wyalusing, Grant Wilbur and Bonnie of Rush and a sister, Ruth Clearwater and husband George of LeRaysville as well as several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert L. Karpauitz on March 4, 1990, a son, Russell Karpauitz on August 3, 1954, father, John Wilbur on August 3, 1975, mother, Arlene Wilbur on December 25, 1980, a great grandson, Payton Milliron on January 27, 2007 and a sister-in-law, Helen Wilbur.

A memorial service will be held Monday, July 22, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the North

Towanda United Methodist Church with Pastor David Dewing officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Interment will be private in the LeRaysville Cemetery, LeRaysville, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society, Bradford Unit, 1948 E. Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701, North Towanda United Methodist Church, in care of Jake Guffey, 3377 Sugar Creek Road, Towanda, PA 18848, Memorial Hospital Hospice, 91 Hospital Drive, Towanda, PA 18848 or to the Bradford County Humane Society, PO Box 179, Ulster, PA 18850 in Esther's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA.

Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

North Barton Cemetery
Waverly, NY 14892

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz* ”

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Susan Allis, Daughter lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz* ”



Susan Allis, Daughter - July 25, 2013 at 06:06 AM

AB

“ Angie And Foster Benninger lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz



Angie and Foster Benninger - July 21, 2013 at 03:18 PM

KH

“ Kathy Heskell lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz



Kathy Heskell - July 21, 2013 at 04:02 AM

DP

“ Esther never missed sending me a birthday card even after my retirement from Dupont, She was my first and BEST friend at DuPont I will always remember ESTHER.



Donald Polley - July 20, 2013 at 11:38 PM

DL

“ Daughter Lorinda lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz



daughter Lorinda - July 20, 2013 at 04:05 PM

BF

“ *Bernita Rice And Family lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz*



Bernita Rice and Family - July 20, 2013 at 07:44 AM

TW

“ *Tom And Sherrie Williams lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz*



Tom and Sherrie Williams - July 19, 2013 at 05:13 PM

PK

“ *Penny Karpauitz lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz*



penny karpauitz - July 19, 2013 at 11:42 AM

PN

“ *Penny Neilely lit a candle in memory of Esther Jean Wilbur Karpauitz*



Penny Neilely - July 19, 2013 at 09:49 AM