



## Esther Willis Howard

July 22, 1917 - March 6, 2017

Dateline: Bethalto

Esther Willis Howard, 99, died Monday, March 6, 2017 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born July 22, 1917 in Lamar, MO, she was the daughter of Reverend George and Margaret (Carter) Willis. Mrs. Howard retired from the Olin Corporation as a machine operator after 31 years of service and was a member of Community Christian Church. On February 22, 1938 she married George Washington Howard in Claremore, OK. He preceded her in death on March 11, 1994. Surviving is a daughter, Maryann Willis of Nebraska, a son, Eugene (Becky) Wrischnik of Godfrey, 8 grandchildren including Kevin Wrischnik of Georgia, Kurt (Amie) Wrischnik of Brighton, Pat (Jan) Wrischnik of Godfrey, Jonna Kay Barr of Texas, James, Debbi, Kenneth, and Jerri Ann, 37 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a son, John Wrischnik, six brothers and three sisters. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Dave Burger will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Community Christian Church or the Alton Crisis Food Center. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Willis Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Esther Willis Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Thinking of your family in the passing of your Mom. As I was growing up I remember her always being at the church every time there was something going on. In later years after I was married and came back she always was there with a hug and asking about my family. I know you have many fond memories.*

*Virginia (Frye) VanZile*

Virginia VanZile - March 09, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss Gene & Mary. Our prayers and condolences are with you at this time of sorrow.*

*Paul & Barb Lanzerotte*

paul/barb - March 08, 2017 at 11:48 PM



*Gene & Maryann*

Max Lassley - April 02, 2023 at 11:50 PM