



## Verna M. Wilson

February 18, 1925 - November 26, 2020

Verna M. (Van Tassel) Wilson, 95, passed away on Thanksgiving Day at Cedarhurst in Bethalto. She was born February 18, 1925, in Jersey County, a daughter of the late Lloyd and Bertha (Busch) Maguire. She married Everett R. Van Tassel in 1944 and he died in 1974. She then married James A. Wilson in 1983 and he died in 2003. Verna was a homemaker in the true sense of the word being able to conquer any task before her. She was an accomplished seamstress having worked for Vogue and Arthurs for many years and working independently from her home until retiring at the age of 90. She was a long-time member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her dear sister, Rowena McIntire of Atlanta, GA; three daughters and a son: Donna M. (Dan) Amick of Alton, Linda K. Leckrone of Edwardsville, Patti Wilson (Jack) Marcum of Louisville, KY and Steve (Diane Rudolph) Wilson of Pittsburgh, PA; two grandsons: Christopher (Stefani) Wilson and Matthew (Lauren) Wilson; four great grandchildren, three step grandchildren, special nieces, nephews and extended family. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Maurita and Elmer Harbour, her brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Mildred Maguire, a brother-in-law, Harry McIntire, special in-laws, Bud and Virginia Van Tassel, a son-in-law, James Heil, a niece, Mary Dunnagan and a nephew, Vernon Harbour.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. The family would like to express great appreciation to the staff at Cedarhurst of Bethalto and the staff of Vitas Hospice for the special care and love given to Verna. Memorials may be made to Vitas Community Connections, 8 Executive Drive, Suite 150, Fairview Heights, IL 62208 or online at [communityconnections@vitas.com](mailto:communityconnections@vitas.com).

Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Verna M. Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Verna M. Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Donna and Families, so saddened to hear you lost your mother. Losing a parent is so difficult. Just know that there are so many friends keeping you in their thoughts and prayers. Terry Broyles Page.*

**Terry Broyles Page** - November 30, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Dear Donna and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I have fond memories of her from our childhood days. You will be in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Kris (Keehner) Kline*

**Kris Kline** - November 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Verna's passing. She was such a good person - and always had a smile on her face! I miss the Sunday morning Coffee Hours we had together. My condolences to her family.*

**Audrey Stewart** - November 30, 2020 at 03:06 PM

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“ I have very fond memories of Verna. She was like a 2nd Mom to me as a teenager and adult. She was kind, loving and fiercely devoted to her family. I considered myself lucky to have known her and have her in any part of my life. She was a jewel and she will be missed.

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**Saralee Watkins** - November 29, 2020 at 11:37 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Joe Mercurio** - November 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time of loss. Verna was a very special person with a sweet soul and smile.  
*Greg and Catherine Lister*

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**Greg Liuster** - November 27, 2020 at 11:31 PM