



Wilma LaVon Steele

November 12, 1925 - July 1, 2016

Wilma La Von Steele (nee Wharton) passed away Friday, July 1, 2016 at the Sanctuary at Wilmington Place in Dayton, Ohio after a short illness. She was 90 years old.

She was born on November 12, 1925 in Toledo, Ohio to Wendell P. Wharton (D) of Matthews, IN. and Grace Reece (D) of Muncie, IN. She was the second of four daughters. She married Robert K. Steele (D) in 1946 and divorced in 1969. She is survived by her daughter: Lisa (Melissa) DiSalle Cassity (Daniel) of Xenia, Ohio, sisters Lois M. Bender (David), and Marisue Mygatt (Milton), nephews Larry R. Huss (Linda), Matthew Bender (Lenore), Jamie Mygatt (Dawn), as well as nieces Wendy R. Huss (Barb Packard), and Andrea Cory, great nephew Raji Cory, and great niece Julia Johnston and great great niece Peyton. She is predeceased by her son Martin P. Steele in 2000 and her sister Ruth E. Huss in 2014. She attended Scott High School in Toledo and was retired from the Ohio Bureau of Employment services, where she was a claims examiner, in 1983.

She was active in Washington Church for many years and loved reading, music, art and gatherings with family and friends. Even after a stroke in 1977 which left her with reduced mobility that lead to a wheelchair, she worked a few more years, retired and then volunteered at a nearby school, teaching children to read and also at the Sight Center, reading to the blind on the radio. She also attended meetings and bible studies, all while using the handicapped bus service. She lived independently until 2013 when she moved to Cincinnati

and then Dayton to be closer to her daughter.

She was a member of IAPES, Toledo Chapter, and the American Business Women, Seaway Chapter, from 1976 until retirement. She was also a member of the Stroke Club at Riverside Hospital.

She was always cheerful, encouraging and giving and freely shared whatever she had. She trusted and leaned on the Lord with a passion. She will be missed by family and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 11 AM at Washington Church, 3925 W. Central Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43606. Instead of flowers, please send tributes to Washington Church in Wilma's name or to the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio at 1001 Garden Lake Pkwy, Toledo, Oh 43614..