

Loretta Mary Shea was born on July 4, 1923 in Leaf Valley, MN, to William and Minnie (Guenther) Shea. Loretta graduated from Alexandria High School in 1941 and had worked in Alexandria and Minneapolis. She married Hugo Wilken on September 15, 1947 at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Millerville, MN. They started out living in Brandon and then moved to Alexandria, where they raised four sons and four daughters. Loretta managed McCarthy's Drive-In for many years. Hugo passed away in July of 2001.

Loretta was a member of Christian Mothers and the VFW Auxiliary. She moved into an apartment at Bethel Manor in 2013 and then Edgewood in Alexandria in 2017.

Loretta M. Wilken passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Edgewood in Alexandria at the age of 95 years old. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hugo Wilken; brothers, Leo, Hubert, Al, and Phil; sisters, Marguerite and Helen; son-in-law, Bob Nelson and her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Loretta is survived by all eight of her children, Bob (Elaine) Wilken of Alexandria, Terry (Mary) Wilken of Hendersonville, NC, Kathy (Grant) Haugen of Alexandria, Mary (Mike) Aune of Minnetonka, Paul (Vicky) Wilken of Oak Grove, Becky Nelson of Alexandria, Joe (Sue) Wilken of Sartell and Ann (Larry) Ackerman of Montevideo; 20 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; sister Betty (Neil) Ostlund; brothers, Jim Shea, John (Nancy) Shea; sisters-in-law, Joyce Shea and Laverne Shea; and special friend Norma Jean Peymann.

In Loving Memory



Loretta Mary Wilken
1923 - 2018



She Is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she will come
back or you can open your eyes
and see all she has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live
yesterday or you can be happy
for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back*

*or you can do what she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

By David Harkins

In Memory of

Loretta Mary Wilken

July 4, 1923 ☩ July 19, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

1:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Steve Binsfeld

Casket Bearers

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| Andrew Wilken | Jason Haugen |
| Thomas Wilken | Justin Wilken |
| Logan Ackerman | Brock Ackerman |
| Jesse Wilken | Mark Aune |
| Travis Wilken | Lee Wilken |

Honorary Casket Bearers

(All the staff and residents at Edgewood)

Interment

Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota