



Geneva May Bowles

May 31, 1917 - September 11, 2018

Geneva May Kientzy Bowles, 101, passed away on September 11, 2018, at The Maples Health and Rehabilitation in Springfield, Missouri.

Geneva was born in Apex, Missouri, on May 31, 1917, to the late George M. and Clara C. Miller Kientzy. She lived on the family farm in Silex, Missouri until her marriage to William Bernard Bowles on May 5, 1936, when they moved to St. Louis, Missouri. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother to their four children. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, bowling, and volunteering at her church and children's schools. After her husband retired from Moloney Electric Company in 1970 they moved back to Silex, Missouri, where she belonged to the St. Alphonsus quilting club and the local Scopic club and volunteered at St. Alphonsus School in Millwood, Missouri. Known for her homestyle cooking, Geneva's kitchen was a gathering place for family and friends.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years William Bowles; her infant daughter Mary Janet Bowles; her parents George and Clara Kientzy; her brothers Brother Pius Kientzy O.S.B., DeSales Kientzy, and Dick Kientzy; and sisters Angela Kientzy Phelan and Virginia Kientzy Gieselman; and daughter-in-law Sheila Byrnes Bowles.

Surviving Geneva are her four children, William Ronald Bowles (Karen), Charles Kenneth Bowles, Marilyn Bowles Zorn (David), and Jane Bowles Johnson (Chet); sister Marie Kientzy Kunza and sister-in-law Viola Burkemper Kientzy; 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be on September 29, 2018, from 9:00 am. to 10:00 am. before the Funeral Mass at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 29 St. Alphonsus Road, Silex, Missouri 63377. Burial will be at St. Alphonsus Cemetery following Mass. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Alphonsus School, 25 St. Alphonsus Road, Silex, Missouri 63377 or your charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Alphonsus Cemetery

Silex, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 29. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
Millwood, MO

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
Millwood, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember both Geneva and Bill Bowles well as they visited my parents Lawrence and Mable Lyons. I know my great aunt Annie Lyons was a Bowles. Always so friendly and such a nice couple.

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“ Ken, Marilyn, Janie, Ken, God is good all the time. All the time God is good. Geneva was a true friend. She did the best she could. You are doing the best you can. That's all He expects from you
Love to all, Jim and Carolyn

Jim & Carolyn Schomaker - September 18, 2018 at 08:16 PM