



Wilma F. Ernster

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Wilma Frances Ernster, age 99, was surrounded by family and embraced into heaven on September 28th at Heritage Specialty Care, Cedar Rapids.

Wilma was born October 9, 1918 in Osmond, Nebraska to W.E. Loyd and Hazel Florence (Neal) Loyd. The family moved to Hornick, Iowa when she was two years old. She graduated from Hornick High School and then attended ISTC (UNI) for one year and Wayne State Teachers College for one year earning a two-year teaching certificate. During World War II she worked for Boeing Aircraft as a Riveters helper working on B17's in Seattle, Washington. In Seattle, Wilma met Arthur Ernster. They married on October 30, 1946 at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church in Clinton, Iowa with the Father Edward Jackson officiating. Wilma also worked in several department stores, including Youngkers, as a sales clerk.

Survivors include her two sons, Dale (Denise) of Marion, Iowa and Kevin (Dora) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; five grandchildren, Heather, Katie, Michael, AJ and Gregory; and six great-grandchildren, Taylor, Olivia, Quinn, Riley, Lanie and Reece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 38 years, Arthur Ernster; three brothers, Dwain Loyd and wife Lorraine, Gerald Loyd and wife Edna May, and Eldred Loyd.

Wilma was fiercely independent, she worked hard to keep her mind active and sharp. She was kind and gracious, and grateful for the love and attention extended to her by family, friends and staff at Heritage Specialty Care. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, dancing and was a ferocious Scrabble competitor as well as a devout Chicago Cubs fan. She loved her family deeply, as they loved her and will be greatly missed.

Funeral Services will be 11:00am, Thursday, October 4, 2018 held at First United Methodist Church in Clinton, Iowa. Visitation will be from 10:00am to the service time at the church. Interment will follow services at St. Irenaeus Cemetery, Clinton. Serving as pallbearers will be her



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grandchildren. Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

The family would like to thank Heritage Specialty Care for respecting Wilma's choices and for their compassionate care. Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church - Clinton.






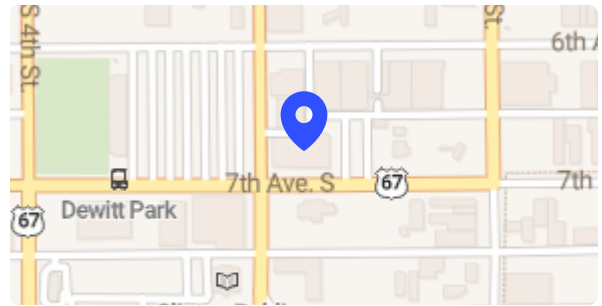
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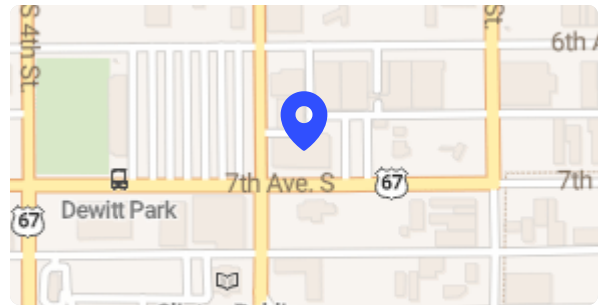
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, October 4, 2018
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **First United Methodist Church**
621 South 3rd Street, Clinton IA 52732




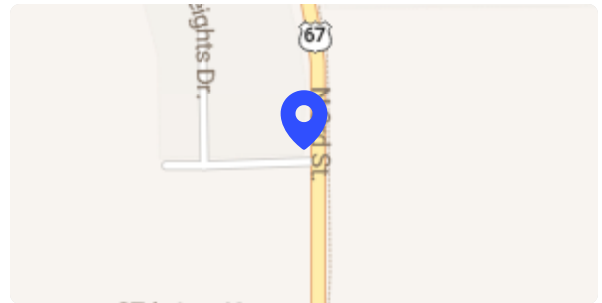
Service

-  **Thursday**, October 4, 2018
-  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
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Cemetery Details

-  **St. Irenaeus Calvary Cemetery**
3800 North 3rd Street, Clinton IA





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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