



Mary Essie Williams

February 9, 1927 - June 30, 2014

MARY ESSIE WILLIAMS
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Mary Essie Williams, 87, of New Harmony, Indiana, died Monday, June 30, 2014 at Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville, Indiana.

Essie was born the second of four daughters on February 9, 1927 in rural Mt. Vernon, Indiana, to Harold and Malinda Stevens Stein. She married Billy Ray Williams on February 2, 1946, in Evansville, Indiana. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary before his death on July 6, 2012. Essie attended Bufkin Grade School and graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1946. She was a homemaker.

Essie, along with Marie Mann and Mary Marse, founded a Home Economics club for northern Posey County and remained active in Home Ec throughout her life, having served as president on both the local and county levels. She enjoyed many years of teaching Sunday school, junior church and Bible school as well as serving as a 4-H leader. When she and Billy Ray bought a farm in New Harmony, Indiana and moved there in 1977, she enjoyed volunteering for the various festivals sponsored by Historic New Harmony. During the first 20 years of her marriage it was customary for farm wives to prepare a large noon meal for the men working for their husbands, and Essie served hundreds of those meals. She and Billy Ray enjoyed entertaining and offered warm hospitality to many friends and family throughout their lives.

They also loved ballroom dancing, and their grace was beautiful to watch. Essie was a gifted decorator and planner of holiday and other special events. All who entered her home felt welcomed and special.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; her three sisters: Eleanor Stinson, Catty Stinson and Jennie Staples; two daughters: Susan Blackburn and Mary Hoffman; and a grandson: Robert "Bobby" Rogge.

Survivors include a son: William Chris "Billy" Williams of New Harmony, Indiana; two daughters: Sandra Vogel (Stanley), of Topeka, Kansas and Jo Ann Russell (Rick), of New Harmony, Indiana; grandchildren: Scott Osborne, David Vogel, Michelle O'Connor, Byron Vogel, Melanie Wilkey, Natalie Vaughan, Mindy Rueger, Rachel Thole and Eric Williams; step granddaughter: Michele Chamness and 17 great-grandchildren.

A service of Death and Resurrection will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Johnson United Methodist Church in New Harmony, Indiana, with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery, Reverend John Adams officiating.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at the Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Johnson United Methodist Church, 403 Raintree Street, P.O. Box 515, New Harmony, Indiana 47631.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road
New Harmony, IN 47631

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)
615 S Brewery
New Harmony, IN 47631
(812) 682-4261
werryfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Johnson United Methodist Church
403 Raintree
New Harmony, IN 47631

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Essie Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *So many fond memories of my Aunt and Uncle - Essie and Billy Rae - from the time I was a young child. I visited them often then when they were just starting out farming on their own in the forties - what an incredible life they made. Essie was my aunt twice - her sister married my father and my uncle on my mother's side married Essie! She will be missed. Deborah Stinson, Denver, Colorado*

Deborah Stinson - July 10, 2014 at 08:46 AM



“ *I never new as Mary it was always Essie My Father Donald Clevenger and Essie an all her sister went to Bufkin School together You are in my thoughts and Prayers.*

Lana Clevenger Hagemann - July 03, 2014 at 01:09 AM



“ *Angeline and I visited Essie and Billy Ray whenever we came to Indiana. We loved them both very much. One day,Essie said, " Harry, when are you coming home(to Indiana)?" I told her I didn't know. Essie,I want you to know that someday I'll be "coming home" and we'll all be together again!*

Angeline and Harry Mason

Harry Mason - July 02, 2014 at 12:40 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I will always remember her kindness to me when I moved to Posey County. Essie was a wonderful lady!
Genise Huey

Genise Huey - July 02, 2014 at 07:22 AM

JN

“ Essie was a wonderful lady. She raised a super family and was respected by all.

Jack Norvell - July 02, 2014 at 07:06 AM

RP

“ So sorry to hear about Essie. She was such a beautiful woman inside and out. My prayers are with all of you
Ruthie

Ruth Parker - July 02, 2014 at 06:25 AM

PU

“ She always had a smile on her face. Essie was a very friendly person to everyone. God be with her family.

punky and jerry uhde - July 02, 2014 at 01:58 AM

MR

“ Essie was my second mother in my younger years. I was always with Mary Catherine .
Prayers for all the family
Marybeth Rush (Stallman)

Marybeth Rush - July 01, 2014 at 07:03 PM

TR

“ *Sorry to hear about Essie , She was a Wonderful Lady*

tracleighstroud - July 01, 2014 at 04:38 PM