

Wilma Iris Lilly McClure

August 12, 1916 – August 31, 2017

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Wilma Iris (Lilly) McClure, of St. Albans, was born on August 12, 1916, the first child of Walter Thomas and Lina Seldomridge Lilly, in Hinton, W. Va. She died on August 31, 2017, in Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, West Virginia.

After graduating from Hinton High School she moved to Charleston and went to Charleston Business School. She was hired as a secretary at Perry Awning Company. There she met James E. McClure and they were married in 1942.

They had three children—Tom (Lucille), of Tornado, Judy Lowe (Jim), of South Charleston, and Jean Reeder (Tom), of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. After moving to St. Albans in 1950 they joined Highlawn Presbyterian Church where she served as a Sunday school teacher and unofficial greeter for many years. She worked at Thomas Memorial Hospital and retired after thirty years' service.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her brother Amos Lilly, of Charleston. She is survived by her three children, five grandchildren: Jim McClure (Angel), of Tornado; Eric Lowe (Tarra), of Lexington, Kentucky; Michael Lowe (Billy Moore) of Lexington, Kentucky; Jonathan Lowe (Kate) of Ft. Mill, North Carolina; and Lauren Martin (Bronson) of Charlotte, North Carolina; as well as four great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Wilma enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. On her one-hundredth birthday they gave her a plaque with one hundred things they loved about her. She was a life-long bridge player and enjoyed playing regularly with friends Bess Stahl and Jerri Smith of Nitro.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hubbard House for the wonderful care they gave to our mother. There will be a memorial service at Highlawn Presbyterian Church on September 7 at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family may make a donation to Highlawn Presbyterian Church (2501 Washington Avenue in St. Albans, WV 25177) in her memory.

Cooke Funeral Home in Nitro is in charge of arrangements and you may express on-line condolences at www.cookefuneralhome.com.

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