



Ilia J. Wright

September 26, 1924 - June 6, 2019

Ilia J. Wright, 94

Kearney resident, formerly of Elm Creek

Ilia J. Wright, 94 of Kearney, formerly of Elm Creek, died Thursday, June 6, 2019 at St. John's Good Samaritan Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at Elm Creek Christian Church with the Reverend Scott Foster officiating. Interment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Elm Creek, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Elm Creek Christian Church and Mid Nebraska Community Action. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Ilia Janice (Lahm) Wright was born September 26, 1924 on a farm southwest of Sumner, NE to Harry and Hazel (Knox) Lahm. She attended high school at Sumner High School, graduating in 1941. She later attended Kearney State College where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Ilia received her teaching certificate and taught first grade at Elm Creek Public Schools for 35 years.

Ilia Lahm married Dale Wright on August 9, 1944, in Norton, Kansas. Three children were born to this union, Gary, Janice and Sue. The couple made their home in Elm Creek where they farmed north of Elm Creek for many years. Ilia took great pride in her beautiful flowers and making sure the yard was always well landscaped. In November, 2012, Dale and Ilia moved to Northridge in Kearney. Dale preceded her in death in January of 2015.

Ilia was a member of Elm Creek Christian Church, Elm Creek Garden Club and the Women's Coffee Club.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Gary (Sandy) Wright of Broken Bow, Janice Hanner of Lincoln, Sue (Gary) Keim of Kearney; 8 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; brothers, Stan (Lucille) Lahm of Ames, IA, Glenn (Loyce) Lahm of Becker, MN and Roger (Karen) Lahm of Spirit Lake, IA; sister, Connie (Robert) Hansen of Chicago, IL; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Naomi Newquist and her husband, Glen and Phyllis Savant and her husband, Jack; brother, Murl Lahm and his wife, Deloris; and sons-in-law, Russell Bayne and CJ Hanner.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services - Elm Creek Chapel
301 N. Tyler
Elm Creek, NE 68836
(308) 234-3500

Funeral Service

JUN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
Elm Creek, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Ilia J. Wright*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ilia J. Wright.*



June 10, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Burney, Smith, and Moehlenhoff families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ilia J. Wright.*



Burney, Smith, and Moehlenhoff families - June 10, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ilia J. Wright.*



June 09, 2019 at 07:49 PM

JV

“ *Ilia was a special lady in my life. I did my student teaching under her in the early 70's & learned much from her. My sincere condolences to you, her family. Sincerely, Jeanine Vetter*

Jeanine Vetter - June 08, 2019 at 01:14 PM

JR

“ *Ilia's family
So sorry to learn of her passing last eve. She was a wonderful lady. She and Dale would attend the Rumbeck reunion every year in Aug. The one that comes to mind was the Hay ride out in the pasture,they
loved it as they had not done that for a long time.It was great to see them once a year. Our prayers are with you at this time. Sorry we will
not make it back for funeral but we will be with you in prayer.
Jane and Bill Ripp
2418 Northwestern Ave.
Ames ,Iowa 50010*

jane ripp - June 07, 2019 at 08:53 PM

LM

“ *Ilia was a very special woman that will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her. She had a smile that always made the dreariest of days seem better. I was lucky to have her as my aunt.
Sincerely
John and Lisa Moehlenhoff*

Lisa Moehlenhoff - June 07, 2019 at 10:52 AM