



Hildegard Payton

February 13, 1936 - February 21, 2015

Hildegard Payton, daughter of the late Rudolf and Maria (Ims) Schneider, was born February 13, 1936 in Kaiserslautern, Germany where she grew up and attended school.

On September 17, 1957, Hildegard was united in marriage to the love of her life, Ray Arthur Payton, a United States Army soldier. They shared over 57 years of marriage together and four children: Steven, Bruce, Stephanie and Robin.

Due to Ray being in the military, Hildegard came to the United States for the very first time in 1958 to Ft. Benning, Georgia. They were then stationed in France, Ft. Belvoir, Washington and then in 1974 came to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where Ray retired from the military. Hildegard and Ray decided to stay in the Waynesville area after his retirement.

Hildegard was very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and the Disable American Veterans Auxiliary for many years. She served as commander for a time with the DAV Auxiliary and also ran the DAV Thrift Store. She loved serving others and always had to give everyone a hug.

Hildegard was a spitfire and everyone loved spending time with her. She loved to shop, work on puzzles and read Steven King novels. Her biggest passion

was the Dallas Cowboys. She was an avid fan and made sure that she watched every game she could.

Hildegard was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Her family loved her dearly and she doted on them every time she could. She loved spending time with them.

Hildegard passed away Saturday, February 21, 2015, in General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri having attained the age of 79 years.

Hildegard leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Steven Payton (Gerlinda) of Aurora, CO, Bruce Payton (Samantha) of Waynesville, MO; two daughters, Stephanie Williams (Kenneth) of Derby, KS, and Robin Gallaher (George) of Waynesville, MO; twelve grandchildren: Shannon Payton, Caitlin and Nicole Gallaher (who were Hildegard's caretakers), Michael Williams, Eric Williams, Jennifer Payton, Tabatha Payton, Shawn Payton, Marcus Collishaw, Ashley Collishaw, Brett Newman and Patrick Gallaher; ten great-grandchildren: Maggie Payton, Charlotte Payton, Lizzy Williams, Lennon Williams, Bobby DeLoach, Payton DeLoach, Lillian Hurley, Daniel Wilhelm, Joshua Pokaka'a and Brody Gallaher; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of others relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Hildegard was preceded in death by her husband, Ray (March 11, 2013); one sister, Ingeborg Klemm; one brother, Rudy Schneider; and one grandson, Derek J. Gallaher.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. The songs "Young Love" by Sonny James, "Pledge of Allegiance" by John Wayne and "Mama" by Heintje Simons was played.

Serving as escorts were Marcus Collishaw, Bruce Payton, Michael Williams, Eric Williams, Josh Petty and Kenny Williams. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Hildegard Payton to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Paws for Purple Hearts and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

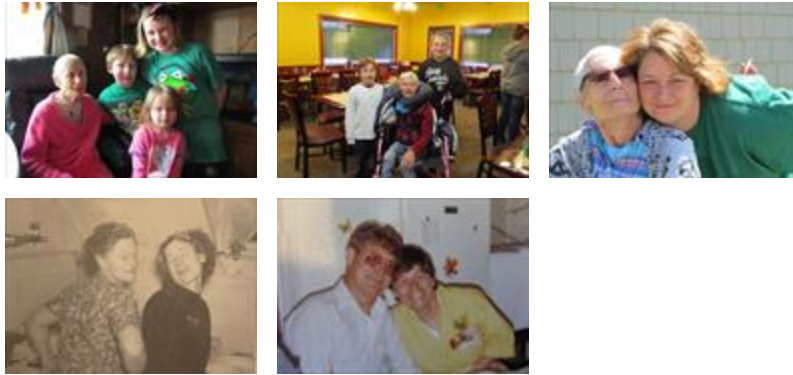


“ *Hildegard Payton*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *10 files added to the album New Album Name*



Stephanie Williams - February 28, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton*



Marge Scott - February 25, 2015 at 07:51 AM

MM

“ Michael And Crystal Mosier sent a virtual gift in memory of Hildegard Payton



michael and crystal mosier - February 24, 2015 at 06:21 AM

SW

“ My mother was a wonderful lady full of love and compassion. Her children grandchildren and great grandchildren meant the world to her. We were blessed with her love and understand for so many years. We love and miss you so very much mom.



Stephanie Payton Williams - February 23, 2015 at 07:29 PM

GM

“ Gregory Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton



Gregory Mckinney - February 23, 2015 at 06:49 PM

ML

“ Michael, Aubrey, And Lizzy lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton



Michael, Aubrey, and Lizzy - February 23, 2015 at 06:03 PM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton*



MARLIN STEVENS - February 23, 2015 at 07:25 AM

SP

“ *Shannon Payton lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton*



shannon payton - February 23, 2015 at 06:06 AM

MS

“ *Sending prayers to your family in this time of sorrow*



Mike and Nancy Shannon - February 22, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MC

“ *Marcus And Ashley Collishaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Hildegard Payton*



Marcus and Ashley Collishaw - February 22, 2015 at 08:41 PM

SP

“ *Samantha And Bruce Payton lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton*



Samantha and Bruce Payton - February 22, 2015 at 08:36 PM

LS

“ *Linda And Bob Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton*



Linda and Bob Schonbok - February 22, 2015 at 06:29 PM

LW

“ *Leslie Ward lit a candle in memory of Hildegard Payton*



Leslie Ward - February 22, 2015 at 06:10 PM

LW

She was beautiful lady inside and out, who loved us all.

Leslie Ward - February 22, 2015 at 06:13 PM



Jennifer
Wilhelm

“ Jennifer Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of
Hildegard Payton



Jennifer Wilhelm - February 22, 2015 at 05:23 PM

RG

“ Robin Payton Gallaher lit a candle in memory
of Hildegard Payton



Robin Payton Gallaher - February 22, 2015 at 04:50 PM

RG

*Mom I love you with all my being, and miss you so much. I pray you
are with Dad, you are in my heart forever and always Robin*

Robin Payton Gallaher - February 22, 2015 at 04:52 PM