



Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells

June 30, 1927 - June 10, 2016

Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells was born on June 30, 1927 in Sapulpa, OK and passed away on June 10, 2016 in Springfield, MO at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 10 days. She was the oldest child of Ralph Bench and Velma (Freeman) Bench. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E Dunn of 15 years and her husband, Harold L Wells of 47 years, in addition to a sister, Barbara (Dunn) Robinson.

Nyda is survived by two brothers, Larry Bench and Charlie (Joan) Bench of Waynesville, MO and one sister, Judy (Bench) Granger of Kennett, MO. She is also survived by her children, Nancy Ann Dunn of Springfield, MO, Bob (Sue Ann) Dunn of Devils Elbow, MO, Tricia (Eric) Headley of Springfield, MO, Tom (Faith) Dunn of Devils Elbow, MO, Tim (Laurie) Dunn of Rolla, MO, Susan Dunn of Colombia, South America, and Andrew (Tara) Wells of Springfield, MO. She has 17 grandchildren, Joshua O'Riley, Robbie Rick, Brady Rick, Travis (Kristin) Dunn, Lucas Dunn, Derek Dunn, Aaron (Ali) Headley, Makenna Headley, Mia Headley, Meisi Headley, Melanie (Michael) Burns, Patrick Dunn, Kirsten Dunn, Kolbi Dunn, Corey Dunn, Eli Wells and Isaac Wells and 5 great grandchildren, Molly Dunn, Gracie Dunn, Soren Blamey, Pipper McGuire and Joselyn McGuire.

She spent most of her childhood in Oklahoma. Her family moved to Missouri in 1941 when her father got a job in construction building Ft. Leonard Wood.

After graduation from Waynesville High School in 1945, Nyda moved with her sister Barbara to St. Louis, MO and worked at Ralston Purina until meeting her husband Robert who was recently returned from serving his country as a Marine in WWII. Nyda and Robert married in 1948 and lived in St. Louis and later Cahokia, IL. Together they had six children and tragically Robert died at the young age of 44 leaving Nyda a young widow.

Nyda and her children moved to Waynesville, MO where her parents and brothers lived. She worked at Waynesville School System and Ramada Inn where she met Harold Wells. They married in 1967 and to that union was born one son.

Harold and Nyda moved to Devils Elbow and lived many years in the Waynesville area, owning several businesses together. Nyda especially enjoyed the years she owned a green house in St. Robert and loved socializing with all of her customers and friends. Nyda also was a beloved grandmother and cared for several of her grandchildren over the years.

In 2008 Harold and Nyda retired to Springfield, MO where they lived out their remaining years together.

Some of Nyda's happiest times in life were spent dancing, listening to Big Band music, gardening, reading, watching old movies, making friends, and enjoying her family time. She and Harold were members of the Hickory Hills Baptist Church in St. Robert, MO. Nyda was known for her outgoing personality and she never met a stranger. She was a kind hearted and loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend who will be greatly missed.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waynesville Memorial Chapel, Waynesville, MO with Reverend Philip Wright officiating. Visitation will be at

Waynesville Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, June 14 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. with funeral services immediately following. Interment will be at the Waynesville Memorial Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 14, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. What a sweet and caring woman. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers*



June 14, 2016 at 11:47 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 14, 2016 at 10:20 AM

CB

“ *CSM (RET) Harold And Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



CSM (RET) Harold and Brigitte Burleson - June 13, 2016 at 06:36 PM

PG

“ *In Memory - May God's promises bring you hope, and may His presence bring you peace. Mrs. Well was a strong supporter of our Pulaski County Camp for which we will always be most grateful! Our deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort of family members and dearest friends!*



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - June 13, 2016 at 06:34 PM

MB

“ *Michael & Renee Bench lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Michael & Renee Bench - June 13, 2016 at 09:37 AM

MS

“ *What a beautiful lady. Prayers go out to her family and loved ones*



Marlin Stevens

Marlin Stevens - June 13, 2016 at 07:41 AM

BW

“ *Brent&Bernice Walters lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Brent&Bernice Walters - June 12, 2016 at 04:07 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. John and Brenda Comer*

John and Brenda Comer - June 12, 2016 at 03:39 PM

MB

“ *Millie Howlett Brotherton lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Millie Howlett Brotherton - June 12, 2016 at 01:36 PM

DD

“ *Dave Dodds lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Dave Dodds - June 12, 2016 at 07:59 AM

SH

“ *Our condolences to Nyda's family for the loss of a wonderful mom and grandmother. She was such a dear woman we are privileged to have known her.*



Sony Hocklander - June 12, 2016 at 07:09 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Pamela Cox - June 12, 2016 at 06:31 AM

MS

“ *Maria Santiago lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Maria Santiago - June 12, 2016 at 01:10 AM

CH

“ *Christina Hollon lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Christina Hollon - June 11, 2016 at 11:00 PM

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Christina Hollon - June 11, 2016 at 11:00 PM

JJ

“ *Jimmie Jones lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Jimmie Jones - June 11, 2016 at 09:49 PM

BA

“ *Bill Anderson lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Bill Anderson - June 11, 2016 at 08:19 PM

JS

“ *Nyda was such a beautiful spirit. I was always amazed that she had such energy, even while raising seven children. I so enjoyed all the the times I spent at her home. She was a beautiful and welcoming lady to all. I am so saddened that I will not be able to celebrate her life with her family but will be thinking of Nancy, Bobby, Tricia, Timmy, Tommy, Susan and Andy, and their respective families. Much love and condolences to a wonderful family! You did well Nyda!*

Janet Sands - June 11, 2016 at 08:15 PM

DM

“ *Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells*



Debby Myers - June 11, 2016 at 06:55 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells



Pamela Cox - June 11, 2016 at 04:52 PM

DH

“ Diane Dunn Hans lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells



Diane Dunn Hans - June 11, 2016 at 08:39 AM

LW

“ Linda Walters Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells



Linda Walters Wheeler - June 11, 2016 at 05:08 AM

BS

“ Belinda And James Sands lit a candle in memory of Nyda Marie (Bench) Dunn Wells



Belinda and James Sands - June 10, 2016 at 11:04 PM

JR

“*Nyda and judy came to see their sister in deland, fla. It was great to see them together again as sisters. I could see and feel the love they had for each other. A moment in time I will never forget. A great family, strong and very much in love.*”

john robinson - June 10, 2016 at 07:46 PM