



Reba M McWilliams

April 14, 1933 - March 18, 2020

Reba M. McWilliams, 86, of Fremont, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, surrounded by her family at the MHP Serenity Hospice House in Oskaloosa. She was born April 14, 1933 in Cedar, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Florence Mae (Rockwell) Nash. She attended Oskaloosa High School and graduated with the Class of 1951. In 1950 she was united in marriage to Melvin Hols at the Oskaloosa Christian Church. Melvin passed away in 1956. In 1963 she married Hubert "Wayne" McWilliams at the Fremont United Methodist Church. Wayne passed away in 2001.

Reba was a farmer's wife and a homemaker while raising her children. She enjoyed taking care of others and was a caregiver of many in the Fremont community. She enjoyed her flower gardens and watching the birds gather at her feeders. Reba's firm faith saw her through life's struggles, including the loss of two husbands and her own battle with cancer. She was active in the Fremont United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women's Group. Reba was a recipient of the Governors Volunteer Award. Above all else, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Reba is survived by her children, Deborah (Allen) Hols Ide of Davenport, Pamela (Bill) Hols Alexander of Ottumwa and Angela McWilliams Weiland from Oskaloosa; her grandchildren, Zachary Ide, Jill Ide Nau, Gretchen

(David) Ide Whelan, Nicholas (Jill) Ide, Andrew Alexander, Tom Alexander, Mary Alexander and Heather (Alex) Swanstrom; 13 great grandchildren and two sisters, Retha Ray and Ruth Towns both of Oskaloosa. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Florence Nash; her husbands, Melvin Hols and Wayne McWilliams; a brother and sister-in-law, Clarence (Jeanne) Nash, a sister and brother-in-law, Roberta (Floyd) Richardson; and two brothers-in-law, Raymond Towns and Don Ray.

As was Reba's wish, her body has been cremated and a memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the Fremont United Methodist Church in Fremont with Pastor Bob Voels officiating. Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. Memorials may be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church or the MHP Serenity Hospice House.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fremont United Methodist Church
526 East Main Street
Fremont, IA 52561

Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Karann Gervais - March 23, 2020 at 11:55 AM

SR

“ *Sorry for your loss! Prayers*



Shelley Fairchild Van Rheenen - March 22, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JB

“ *I sure will miss her kind thought and prayers for my family. I enjoyed visiting with her while cutting her hair and cleaning her house for her. She was a delightful person. She will be missed by many and will always be remembered.*

Jan Bayliss

Jan Bayliss - March 21, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JN

“ 22 files added to the tribute wall



Jill Nau - March 21, 2020 at 12:21 AM

JN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jill Nau - March 19, 2020 at 09:23 PM

CB

My sympathy to all of Reba's family. Your pictures show you have many wonderful memories to treasure. Looks like she was blessed and she was a blessing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Carla Breneman

Carla M Breneman - March 20, 2020 at 11:33 AM

SH

This video is amazing - just like Reba! Her smile and her love of life and family is evident! I spent a lot of time at Reba & Wayne's growing up and always felt treated like family - expectations for behavior and all. Reba and I almost shared a birthday and she never failed to wish me happy birthday. Even as her health failed, Reba maintained a positive outlook. She showed us all how to live life to the fullest and I pray the happy memories of her will comfort her family and friends.

*Love to Reba & her family!
Stephanie Holliman-Ginkens*

STEPHANIE HOLLIMAN-GINKENS - March 24, 2020 at 04:56 PM

HA

Very appropriate and well done video for a great woman. Reba was dedicated to her family, and extended family. She was important as the social ringleader for many older women for many years. I respect her.

Hamilton - April 30, 2020 at 09:39 PM