



Wilma Bielke Achterberg

September 3, 1925 - July 27, 2024

Whilma Bielke Achterberg passed away July 27, 2024, at the age of 98. She was born September 3, 1925, in Marion, Texas and was the tenth of twelve children born to Hermina & Edward Bielke. Whilma attended Clemens School. She married Leslie Achterberg, SAFD, on June 6, 1946. They had their first child in 1946. After graduating from Durham Business College, Whilma worked for Southern Typewriter and then for Stinson Manufacturing Company until she retired in 1986. Whilma was raised in the United Community Church and belonged to Redeemer Evangelical and Reformed Church. She joined Community Church in 1946 where she taught Sunday School for over twenty years and became the Sunday School Superintendent. She also served as Secretary of the Memorial Committee, Vice-President of the Church Council and attended the Women's Guild.

In addition to raising her wonderful family and volunteering at her church, Whilma had a green thumb and enjoyed spending time gardening in her lush and breezy backyard making it the perfect yard for family to visit. Whilma and Leslie enjoyed many weekends and holidays at 'The River' in Seguin with countless friends and family until the flood of '98. She also liked bowling and bowled for many years at Highlands Social Club and also did 9-pin bowling at Bexar Bowling Club. She also volunteered at the San Antonio Chest Hospital for many years. She also enjoyed many gambling trips with friends and family over the years and was a member of a church road trip group called 'The

Galloping Grannies'. Whilma is preceded in death by her husband, her siblings, one son-in-law, Payton Reynolds, and many longtime friends.

She is survived by her children: Daughter Doris and Payton (deceased) Reynolds, and sons Gerald (Jerry) and Frieda Achterberg, and twin sons Donnie Achterberg and Ronnie and Susie Achterberg. Also by her grandchildren: Michele Vigue, Cheryl and Gerald Kohlenberg, Brian and Stacy Reynolds, Janice Achterberg and Bryan Smith, Michael and Mable Achterberg, Ashley and Nate Nichols, Jeff and Meagan Achterberg, Emily and Brad Bellamy, Mandy and Mark Woodburn, Lesley and Patrick Miles. As well as her Great grandchildren: Eban and Gage Moss, Trax and Kenley Nichols, Baylie and Hayden Bellamy, Riley Miles, Gavin and Connor Kohlenberg, Joseph, Andrew, and Anna Belinski, Jasmine Smith, Ella Achterberg, Cora, Chloe, (and baby girl and boy twins on the way!) Achterberg. She also had numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 3rd at Redeemer United Church, 7415 Gin Rd., Marion, TX. Interment will follow immediately at Redeemer Cemetery. The family would like to thank the staff and caretakers at Independence Hill assisted living where Whilma spent the last several years. We would also like to thank Vitas Hospice Specialty Care, most especially Chaplain Jack and Jeff. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Redeemer United Church.

Cemetery Details

Redeemer Cemetery

7415 Gin Rd.
Marion, TX 78124

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Redeemer United Church of Christ
7415 Gin Rd.
Marion, TX 78124

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Whilma was a beloved friend of the Aufderhaar family, a beautiful person and servant of our Lord. We send most heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.* ”

Cleo J. Aufderhaar - August 07, 2024 at 11:14 AM

SB

“ *Just wanted to condolences regards to your Mom. I have the Family in my Prayers. sheryl brietzke* ”

sheryl I brietzke - August 05, 2024 at 07:27 PM

KJ

“ *You were an amazing friend to the entire Jenkins family, but mostly to my father-in-law, Jess Jenkins. We have missed you in the years since his passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Kerri Jenkins* ”

Kerri Jenkins - August 03, 2024 at 01:57 PM

JW

“ *I love you Whilma. I hope you give a big hug to my Daddy (Wilbert Praesel) when you get to heaven!* ”

Jodie Praesel Wilson - August 02, 2024 at 10:37 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn and Don Sutton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wilma Bielke Achterberg.* ”



Carolyn and Don Sutton - August 02, 2024 at 09:51 PM

DF

“ *Delvin and Evelyn Bielke Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Wilma Bielke Achterberg.*



Delvin and Evelyn Bielke Family - August 01, 2024 at 04:13 PM

GC

“ *GERMANIA BOWLING CLUB purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wilma Bielke Achterberg.*



GERMANIA BOWLING CLUB - August 01, 2024 at 03:31 PM

RA

“ *Rebecca Achterberg purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilma Bielke Achterberg.*



Rebecca Achterberg - August 01, 2024 at 02:15 PM