



Freda Willson

January 29, 1925 - July 12, 2008

Freda E. Willson, 83, passed away July 12th, 2008, at a Bismarck hospital. Services will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday at McCabe United Methodist Church, Bismarck, with Pastor Art Scanson officiating. Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM Monday with the family greeting guests from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and will continue on Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Freda was born January 29th, 1925 in Bismarck to John "Jack" and Grace Gates Daniel. She was the oldest of three siblings. She was raised and educated in Bismarck graduating from Bismarck High School in 1943. Freda was a housewife who stayed home to raise her three children. She had her hands full maintaining rental property and being a caregiver for her mother for many years. Freda married Frank A. Willson, Sr. on May 8th, 1947. They raised two sons and a daughter. Freda and Frank had fifty years together until Frank's death in 1997. Freda is survived by one son, Frank Marlene Schonert of Phoenix, Arizona; one daughter, Gale Ken Welch of Bismarck; six grandchildren, Wendy Joseph Dixon, FrankiJo Willson fiancé, Thanh Tran, Rick Welch, Nina Welch, Jonathan and Nathan Willson; four great-grand children, Miranda Dixon, Bryant, MacKinnon, and Samantha Welch; several nieces and nephews; and many wonderful friends. Freda was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Daniel who died in 2001; her parents; one brother, Bob; and one sister, Peggy. We wish to express our thanks to the staff at the Baptist Home who took wonderful care of our mother

for seven years.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ It has been more than 35 years since I saw the Willsons. When I was a poor, lonesome foreign student, they treated me as the member of the family. To this day, I am grateful to their generosity and selflessness. I treasure the great fun I have had, home made ice cream, dumplings, pheasant hunting and just being in a warm and happy home. I talked so much about revisiting Bismarck and hugging my dearest friends in America. Now I will regret this for the rest of my life, that I didnâ??t make my journey soon enough. Mrs Willson have nurtured a kind and loving family. I could imagine how proudly she enters the St Peterâ??s gate and joins with the clan. My dear Mrs. Willson, you shall be with my thoughts always and you are certainly the greatest Mo on earth. May I have the honor to call you my Mom? Good bye, Mother!

Maria Ng - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Frank & Gail, Sharon, Nathan & I want to send our sincere regrets for the loss of your mother and to let you now we will keep you in our prayers during your time of grief. May God Bless you and strengthen you during this difficult time.

Vern Solum Jr. - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Roberta and I were saddened to hear of Freda's passing, We are so glad we were able to visit with her this past February at Roberta's mothers birthday .I have many fond memories of Freda especially how kind she was to everyone . I've known her since Frank and I were in the 4th grade... Roberta remembers when we were teenagers ,how Freda & Frank would always make us feel so welcome in their home

Lon And Roberta Klusmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“Gale, Frank and the entire Willson family, knowing Freda and Frank was a complete joy. They were like grandparents to me and since I have known them most of my life it seemed like they were. Not only were they my landlord they were great friends. I have many memories of both of them that I will cherish. I remember taking Freda to Tuesday night Spagetti, going to the Casino and many other things that we all did. Those will be great memories that I will never forget. Freda is one of the greatest ladies that I have ever met and I will miss her dearly. It was a treat taking our children to the Baptist home trick -or -treating. Freda was the only reason we would go. Again I will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let us know if you need anything. Bruce & Norma Geiger & Family.

Norma Geiger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“We spent many years as friends with Freda and Frank. We traveled, danced, camped, and just hung out together. We will miss Freda, just as we miss Frank and think of them fondly and often. Almost everything we do brings back a memory that we take out and remember, then put it away until something we do brings it to the forefront again. It is hard to remember when we didn't know them.

Carol and Richard Stack - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“Mom, your passing was very unexpected. It makes me extremely sad that you have left us. You became a best friend to me as well as my best mom. My movie and pizza night partner has gone to be with her Frank and her Daniel. They are very lucky to have you join them. You will be missed so much by so many. I love you Mom...forever.

Gale Willson Welch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I'm very good friends with Norma Gieger Dworshak and Freda and John were her landlords for many years. I remember the conversations we all would share in the drive way as Norma and I would go to her apartment and many different hours of the day or night. They took Norma under there care like if she was one of there one daughters, and I know Norma really appreciated that. Frieda was a very pleasant lady and will be missed by all. Gail, very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bonita Pegors - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Gale, We are so sorry to hear about your mother, Freda passing. She was a very wonderful lady. I remember playing cards with her and your dad many times at your house and also going to a few movies with her and to lunch. She was a very nice and caring person. Remember. If there's anything we can do for you please call me--you know I will be here for you always. Our prayers are with you and Ken , Sami and Frank and Marlene and families. All our Love Vicki & Rick

Vicki Whitworth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of Freda. I have many great memories of spending hours and hours and hours at the Willson house growing up in Bismarck. Freda was a great mother I will miss her along with Dan and Frank Sr. Love Jeff

Jeff Klusmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ I will always remember going to Grandma and Grandpa's every day before and after...and during..elementary and jr. high school. Not many kids can say they got a hot homemade breakfast every morning before taking off to school, whether it be waffles, pancakes, funnel cakes or just eggs and toast. Grandma was always around to take us to rummage sales or bake with us. We always made sugar cookies and pies with apples from the back yard. It is kind of funny that I probably enjoyed going to pizza on Friday nights more than hanging out with my own friends. I will miss Grandma, but at least she gets to see Grandpa again. It is good to know that they will now be together. Good-bye Grams. I love you.

FrankiJo Willson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Dear Family, Our hearts are heavy because we are not with you at this time. Your Mom was like a special aunt to all of us and we are filled with many wonderful memories throughout the years. We will always remember her love for the color purple, all the various horse camping trips we shared, the bean bag games, the biscuits, gravey and jelly that she was famous for. Your Mom will be sadly missed by all. Please know that she will live in our hearts and prayers forever. Howard and Jo Watkins Watertown

Howard and Jo Watkins - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I remember my mother, Ag Schultz Longmuir and my Aunt Elsie Schultz Bjelland telling us stories about their younger years with your mom and grandmother Grace. They had fun times together as young girls. My thoughts and prayers are for your family.

Donna Longmuir Krein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Dear Gale, Ken, Frankie, Marlene and family: We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your precious Mom, Freda. Both of us have so many memories of spending time with your family those were the good old days!. We hope that you find comfort in knowing that Freda has been reunited with her loving husband, Frank, and her precious son, Daniel. Having experienced similar loss, our hearts and prayers go out to you. If there is anything we can do to help lessen your pain, please know that we are here for you. In friendship, Steve & Ros

Steve & Ros Norstedt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ Gale and Ken - I am so sorry I had to leave when I did. Please know that my thoughts/prayers are with you and yours now. I didn't know Freda, but I am sure she was wonderful and will be greatly missed.

Jillian - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Good old Mrs. Willison will be missed badly by everyone. She was and always will be very special to me may she rest in peace I love you Freda LeeAnn

LeeAnn Dworshak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Gale, I am sorry to read about your mother's passing in the Bismarck Tribune. Take care, Sue Angell McCarthy BHS classmate of 1971

Sue Angell McCarthy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I didn't know Freda well, but at the Welch's bonfires she was always very friendly and had treats and food to share with all!! We all should be so lucky to have a special mom like Gayles! God Bless, Marilee*

Marilee Toman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM