



Lillian Flynn

March 21, 1926 - March 17, 2023

Lillian Flynn, 96 of Kankakee, (formerly of Herscher), passed away peacefully into God's outstretched arms on March 17, 2023, at St Mary's Hospital following a short illness. Lillian was born March 21, 1926, the daughter of LeRoy Russell and Rev. Agnes Russell. She was united in marriage to Robert Flynn on August 15, 1945, in Rock Falls, Illinois. He preceded her in death on March 21, 2017.

As newlyweds, her husband of two days began his service in the Army, and she worked at Borden Milk Products Company in Rock Falls. At the end of the war when Robert returned home to his bride, they began farming near Coleta, IL and their family grew by bringing into this union eight children, two daughters and six sons. Later, they relocated to Mt. Morris, IL to continue farming. After that they relocated to Herscher, IL where she had various jobs and retired from Kankakee Federal Savings Bank in Herscher and the Herscher Post Office.

If you knew Lillian, you knew how she enjoyed her painting of ceramics, crocheting hats by looming and sewing. She did this in her later years for her grandchildren to put smiles on their faces. Lillian later used her creative talent in Coloring and coloring pages of bible scriptures to give words of encouragement to others.

Lillian was a committed Christian servant who served in several local churches as a Sunday School teacher, leader in women's groups and many Bible Study groups. Lillian went with her husband on several church mission trips to Mexico. Lillian was proud of her family that she and her loving husband were blessed to raise. Lillian was a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ and prayer warrior for others especially for her family.

Lillian is survived by her four sons James Flynn of Fairfield, IA, Ken (Lisa) Flynn of Mulberry, FL, Rich (Mindy) Flynn of Herscher and Doug (Lin) Flynn of Springfield, MO, two daughters and one son in law. Barb (Bob) Johnson of Machesney Park, IL, and Deb Whittington of Kankakee, two daughters- in-law Pat Flynn and Kathleen Flynn, sister-in-law Dorothy Russell, twenty grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, fifteen great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Lillian is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sons Tom Flynn and Cal Flynn, great-granddaughter, Lydia Wallender, her sisters Madolyn Wright, Florence Ehrat, and brothers Richard Russell and Robert Russell.

Visitation will be on Sunday, March 26, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Herscher United Methodist Church. Additional visitation will begin at 9:00 prior to the funeral on Monday, March 27, 2023, at Herscher United Methodist Church. Rev. Kevin Boesen will be officiating along with Pastor Andy Hansen. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials may be made to Herscher United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church
274 North Elm St.
Herscher, IL 60941

Visitation

MAR 27. 9:00 AM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church
274 North Elm St.
Herscher, IL 60941

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall

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“ I love you my dear friend Lillian. So Elated and blessed that you invited Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Also so happy you are in Heaven with Bob your precious husband. You started your new eternal life and your new eternal address in Heaven with Jesus on St Patrick's Day. 3/17/2023. I believe that was one of Bob's favorite days to celebrate. But because you loved him so, then it became one of your favorite days also. Thank You God for sharing your daughter Lillian with me. Thank You God for how you connected our hearts. I so enjoyed my times with you Lillian. All my love, from Geneva Jensen.

Geneva Jensen - March 24, 2023 at 07:38 PM