



## Wilma Jean Bayles

April 5, 1937 - March 8, 2025

Wilma Jean Bayles, 87, of Dimondale, died peacefully on Saturday, March 8, 2025 in Dimondale. Wilma was born April 5, 1937 in Lansing, the daughter of Byron P. and Thelma Ruth (Oppenlander) Caruss. She earned her LPN Certification and went on to serve as a licensed practical nurse for over 40 years. Early on, she worked at Lansing General Hospital before working at various hospitals and nursing homes as the family moved to Marshall, Decatur, and on to Pennsylvania. She married the love of her life, Richard Bayles on July 3, 1958 at Dimondale Presbyterian Church. Together they spent 66 years creating lasting memories and raising three children. Wilma loved babies, and was always ready to hold and snuggle them. The highlight of her career was working in pediatrics and caring for children. After retirement, Wilma loved reading and coloring, and was active with the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Congregational Church of Charlotte.

Wilma is survived by her sons, Marshall (Blanca) Bayles, and Michael Bayles; grandson, Jacob Bayles; brother, Delos Caruss; sister, Adla Lorimer; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard, in October of 2024; her parents; and her siblings, Theda Langstaff, Warren Caruss, and Wayne Caruss.

Friends are encouraged to support Wilma's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com) <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A private

family graveside service will be held at Dimondale Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the First Congregational Church of Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

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“ *Wilma will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss her friendship . My condolences to her family as her passing. She and Dick are back together in Heaven in which we can take comfort.*

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