



Wilma Carlat

February 3, 1915 - January 25, 2008

Wilma Elizabeth (Cranmer) Carlat, was born February 3, 1915 in Kansas City, KS. She was the youngest of three children of Lawrence and Ella Cranmer. Friday, January 25, 2008, while residing at Presbyterian Manor, departed from this world to be united with her husband, Lee, who preceded her in death. Wilma graduated from Dover High School and at the age of sixteen was certified to teach school from Emporia State Teachers College. On May 2, 1936, Wilma married Jules Lee Carlat in a double ceremony with James Freeman Bassett and Frances May Carlat. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 1986. September that year Lee preceded her in death. She was an active member of the Haskell Creek Club, a charter member of the Rebecca Lodge at Dover and a member of Dover Federated Church. Wilma worked as a Census taker during the 1950 census, and after her children were in school she started working at Luce Clipping Bureau. Later she went to work for the State of Kansas in the Motor Fuel Refund Department. After retiring from the State, they enjoyed traveling around the fifty states. Since Wilma never knew either of her grandmothers, she cherished the role of being Grandma, she hugged and held every one of her three generations of grandchildren. She is survived by her four children, Carol Irene Kelley, Topeka, KS, Kenneth Lee Carlat, Wakarusa, KS, Wilma Sue Morris, Chesterfield, VA, and James Keith Carlat, Indianola, IA, 14 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, 66614. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Dover Federated Church. Burial will follow at Dover Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Dover Federated Church Missions Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Carlat*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family will be in our prayers*

Phil & Cricket Rogers ,Sheila McKinzie, and Tammie Lindsey and families

Sheila McKinzie - February 11, 2008 at 03:26 PM

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“ I am fortunate to have had three mothers, my own, of course, Ellen Randall, my mother-in-law and good friend of Wilma, and Wilma. It was many years from the school days at Dover before I felt comfortable addressing her as Wilma, having been around her so much growing up as a close friend of her son, Keith.

She had a way of telling and teaching you things by asking a question. "Are you SURE you want to do that?" "Don't you think it might be better if you.....?" And the clencher "Now what would YOUR mother think if?"

She did not hesitate if stronger communications were necessary and admittedly I was on the receiving end of the "wagging finger" which commanded your immediate and strict attention--both when directed downward in the general direction of my nose when in grade school and upward in high school when I learned one's size made no difference.

Regardless of how much we learn and think we know, questions will always arise and often we will intuitively know the answer in part because of the influence on us by persons like "Mrs. Carlat".

Cary L. Standiferd - January 30, 2008 at 11:53 PM

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“ My condolences on your loss.

Nina Bryhn - January 26, 2008 at 05:20 PM

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“ I just seen in the paper where Wilma passed away. I guess most of the family knows that she was like a second mother to me. I am sorry that I didn't get to see more of her, but the last time I was there, I don't think she even knew who I was. I am sure she is in a better place, but it is so hard to let go. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. I am so sorry for your loss, and she will be missed by many. Karen Diehl

Karen Diehl - January 26, 2008 at 09:10 AM