

Yvonne Jude “Bonnie” Wiley

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Yvonne Jude Wiley, nee Antal, passed away peacefully on _____, 20__ at the age of ____.

Yvonne was born at the family home in Chippewa Lake, Ohio as the eighth of twelve** children to the late Steven and Mary Antal (nee Kisvarde.) Throughout life, Yvonne was never without a friend. In the early days that was especially true since she had her “bookend sisters,” Joan and Betty around. In fact, Yvonne met her future husband because Joan dated him first! ☺

Yvonne enjoyed her childhood in the Gloria Glens area. She was particularly fond of talking about her cheerleading antics and also about a special class trip to Washington, D.C.. She was an active part of virtually any group she joined.

After graduation from high school, she went to work at Henry Furnace where her mom and several other family members were employed. She was a hard worker and ultimately progressed at that company and at Nabisco Brands to greater levels of responsibility. When she retired from Nabisco she was in a supervisor role ordering vast quantities of raw materials to make the puddings, gelatins and other products.

Yvonne met Wilbur Wiley in the mid-1950s. They married in 1957 and enjoyed over 60 years of marriage. They first resided in the Medina area where both were working. Soon after, they decided that Lodi should be their home and they brought their toddler Deb and newborn Kim to live in their Chippewa Road home. In the late 1960s they welcomed son, Will, to the family. Yvonne was a proud mom to these three children and they loved her dearly. She was known to take them out for Saturday lunches and “spoil on them.”

*** including one sibling who died soon after birth*

Yvonne enjoyed having extended family nearby. Family gatherings were regular and included plenty of good food and spirited card games, especially on the Antal family side. “Aunt Bonnie” was known for her laughter and willingness to talk with any of the nieces and nephews.

For numerous years the Wiley family enjoyed a Canada summer fishing trip with the Sylvesters and Deweys. The fishing was productive most years (though not the year the Long family decided to join in the fun, prompting one son-in-law to wonder whether all the years of fish stories were really fish stories!) One memorable year, Yvonne decided to “perform the splits” while waterskiing up there and decided her cheerleading days were over on the land AND water.

As a grandma, Yvonne was a natural. She enjoyed all her grandchildren and made attempts to know each of them on a personal level, whether purchasing/sharing Beanie Babies, playing cards of all sorts, going to their events (especially with the local Wiley grandkids) or cheering them on (Do! Do! Do!)

Yvonne’s care of her sister Mary was a fine example of her human qualities. Yvonne helped Mary in organizing financing, getting groceries, socializing and much more.

And that love was not exclusive to her oldest sister. The “California sisters” were a priority whether hosting in Lodi or going out to visit them. Lest we forget to mention, she made it a point to be with the local sibs too – card-playing, socializing, bingo-playing and much more.

Yvonne, Deb and Kim enjoyed special times traveling the United States. These events – called the Wild Wiley Women Weekend – frequently were in the Ohio area but also included trips to California, Asheville, Indianapolis, _____, _____

Yvonne will be dearly missed by so many. Most of us who knew her can say “she’s still living on” in a little bit of our better nature.