



Lillian Ritz

July 2, 1925 - June 9, 2025

Lillian Lavonne Ritz, 99, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on June 9, 2025 at the Bloomfield Care Center. She was born on July 2, 1925 in Van Buren County, Iowa to Leo Harvey and Clara Ann Zeitler Law. She graduated from Troy High School in 1943. On December 10, 1950 she married Harvey Clyde Ritz in Bloomfield. Harvey passed away on February 9, 2016.

Lillian worked as a telephone switchboard operator in Ottumwa after graduating from high school. She later worked at Elsie's Flower Shop on the Bloomfield Square for many years before working at Southfork Hotel until her retirement. She enjoyed reading, sewing, quilting, working puzzles, collecting anything to do with owls and barns, and going to auctions with Harvey. She will be dearly missed by her family.

She is survived by a daughter, Dedra (Bill) Bower of Bloomfield; five grandchildren, Kristin Stevens of Ottumwa, Iowa, Jeremy (Ashlee) Bower of Udell, Iowa, Meghan (Cody) Johnson of Ottumwa, Jamie Bower of Eldon, Iowa, Jason (Salma) Bower of Des Moines; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, Iva Dell Roberts, Lovetta Jarvis; and a brother who died in infancy.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Don Naftz officiating. Burial will be at the Troy Cemetery in Troy, Iowa. Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service on Saturday. A memorial has been established to the Friends of the Bloomfield Library.

Cemetery Details

Troy Cemetery

212th Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation with Family Present

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Lillian Ritz*



Georgia Stevens - June 11, 2025 at 01:33 AM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jeanie Maynard - June 10, 2025 at 04:04 PM

JM

Dee Dee, It's so sad that they're all gone but I'm so thankful for all the holidays together!

Jeanie Maynard - June 10, 2025 at 04:06 PM

KM

“ *Dedra, I am so sorry for your loss. There are so few Ritzs left! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Ritz McFarland*

Karen Ritz McFarland - June 10, 2025 at 03:33 PM

SO

*So sorry for your loss Dedra, glad she is reunited with Harvey. What a glorious Ritz reunion happening in Heaven.
Shirley (Ritz) Odegaard and Mel*

Shirley Odegaard - June 10, 2025 at 11:05 PM

RG

“ *Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of
Lillian Ritz*



Regina Gooden - June 10, 2025 at 07:40 AM