



Zilpha Dunlavy

March 25, 1940 - September 9, 2021

Zilpha Ann Dunlavy, 81, of Blakesburg, Iowa passed away on September 9, 2021 at the Hospice House in Ottumwa, Iowa. She was born on March 25, 1940 in Davis County, Iowa to Bernie I. and F. Audrey Goodson Rees. She married Charles Dunlavy on July 21, 1956 in Bloomfield, Iowa. Charles passed away on October 13, 2013.

Zilpha worked for Farm Bureau and State Farm Insurance for many years in Altus, Oklahoma. She raised countless horses and dogs over the years too. She was an exceptional artist and enjoyed painting, woodworking, and all types of crafts. She also played the piano and clarinet. Zilpha loved spending time with her family and friends and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by a son, Blake (Kathy) Roberts of Blair, Oklahoma; two daughters, Debra (Doc) Kulbeth of Olustee, Oklahoma, Julia (Steve Silvers) Bennett of Bloomfield, Iowa; three step-daughters, Laura (Kerry) McDonald of Ottumwa, Iowa, Kelly (David) Norris of Sigourney, Iowa, Deborah Lynne (Mike) Dillow of Des Moines, Iowa; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and a special friend, Harold Huggins of Peoria, Illinois

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; granddaughter, Abbie Kulbeth; great-grandson, Brantley Gage Coker; and a sister, Frances Rees.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Bethel Cemetery in Davis County, Iowa with her daughter, Debra Kulbeth, officiating. A memorial has been established to Hospice of Davis and Wapello County.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Graveside Services

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Zilpha Dunlavy*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Mom2, I will miss our monthly chats so much. I am sure you and mom are getting caught and she is showing you around. I will pray for peace for your family because I know you are already at peace in Heaven.*

mark whisler - September 11, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *What a sweet lady she was. I remember the family dinners she hosted at her house. So very sorry for your loss.*

Teresa Goodson Starr - September 10, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *I remember Zilpha and her whole family.
Her wonderful mother and sister and father.
Blessing to many individuals on this earthly journey.
My condolences to the remaining family members. Janet Beggs*

Janet Beggs Porter - September 10, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of
Zilpha Dunlavy*



Regina Gooden - September 09, 2021 at 05:27 PM