



## Mrs. Eileen Kay Welch

February 21, 1944 - February 17, 2019

Eileen Kay “Wilcox” Welch was born February 21, 1944 to Jesse Ray and Anise Kathryn (Cross) Wilcox in Munsey, Indiana. She passed away Sunday morning February 17, 2019 at her home in Urbana, Missouri just four days shy of her 75th birthday.

Eileen spent her early years in Indiana; her family eventually settled near Preston Missouri. Eileen attended Skyline High School. In 1961, she was united in marriage to Donald Mabary. Four sons were born to this union: Donald “Dale”, Danny, Jerald and Darryl, all of whom survive her.

Eileen had a very strong work ethic which she passed down to her children. She worked in the Urbana Head Start program in the 1960’s. Later, she spent several years as a teller at the Bank of Urbana as well as City Clerk for the town of Urbana. Prior to her retirement, Eileen was manager of the Coffee Cup Restaurant in Urbana. She is still very fondly remembered by her customers who quickly became her friends. Eileen married Merl Welch on September 11, 1987. They owned and operated “Greenridge Shorthorns” on their ranch near Urbana.

Eileen had a very competitive nature. She enjoyed watching all types of sporting events from watching her sons play high school sports to supporting the St. Louis Cardinals. However, she was most passionate about her KU Jayhawks college basketball team. Even when she was very ill, she looked forward to watching her beloved Jayhawks. She was recently heard saying, “They better get with the program if they plan to win it all!”. Eileen was also an avid card player. She spent many hours playing “Pitch” with family and friends, laughing out loud when she caused an opponent to “go set”.

Eileen professed her love for Jesus Christ and was confident in her salvation. She had stated, “When it is my time, I pray God will just take me, and I will be at peace”.

When her health permitted, Eileen enjoyed going to the McCarty Senior Center in Wheatland to eat and fellowship with friends. Eileen was an amazing cook and, as her family can attest, she could make a feast from very little. Keeping meals on the table for four growing boys was no small task but she always had wonderful meals for her family and whoever happened to be at her home at mealtime.

Eileen was preceded in death by her mother, Anise Kathryn, brother Rob Wilcox, and her beloved step-mother, Dorothy “Dot” Wilcox. She is survived by her husband, Merl of the

home; sons and daughters-in-law: Donald "Dale" and Teresa, Jerald and Jan of Urbana; Danny of Louisburg; and Darryl and Cindy of Tunas. Other survivors include grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Eric, Yoshie, Josiah and Tia Garretson Ft. Meade, Maryland; Kurt and Kayla (Mabary) Friesen, Easton, Olivia and Owen, Springfield, Missouri; Tyler and Amanda (Mabary) Montileone, Roman and Berkeley, Ozark, Missouri; Tyler, Loren and Makinley Mabary, Braten and Emilee Mabary, and Kale Mabary, all of Urbana. Also surviving her are step-children Cheri Culbertson, Kathi Schilling, Brad Welch, David Welch and Michael Welch. Michael was very involved in caring for his father and Eileen as her illness progressed for which the family is very thankful. Also surviving are siblings: Juanita Weber, Suzan Thompson, Noel and JD Wilcox, all of Florida and Gloria Simmons, Urbana; and her father Jesse Ray Wilcox of Florida.

The family would like to thank everyone for their support during Eileen's illness and passing. The love and support of friends and family will never be forgotten.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Bro. Don Kelderhouse officiating. Escorts will be Tyler Montileone, Monty Rucker, Tom Spears, Eric Garretson, Tyler Mabary, Braden Mabary, Kurt Friesen, and Kale Mabary. Interment will be in Bower Chapel Cemetery under the direction of the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Urbana. Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Head Start program or the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

# Cemetery

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## **Bower Chapel Cemetery**

Hwy 65  
Urbana, MO,

# Events

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**FEB Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Urbana  
210 W. Broadway St. P.O. Box 165, Urbana, MO, US,  
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**FEB Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Suzan Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Kay Welch



**Suzan Thompson** - February 20, 2019 at 04:17 PM

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“ Jannise Stallard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Kay Welch



**Jannise Stallard** - February 20, 2019 at 03:32 PM

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“ Janette J Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eileen Kay Welch



**Janette J Wilcox** - February 20, 2019 at 01:46 PM

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“ Known her thru the coffee cup. Best waitress for so many years always had a smile and kind words to say. Will be deeply missed by several a good friend Betty Jones

**kim Tutko Harper** - February 20, 2019 at 12:18 AM

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“ So many years ago we became friends, when I spent the nights with you as a teen, you had choirs to do so I had them too. we laughed and have cried together. There are two out of all the memories that come to mind, one is the trip you and sister Gloria and I made to Fl. we laughed that whole trip to and from MO. you got locked out of our hotel room, what a hoot. then I learned real fast how to move in the back seat. That was the year we all wore the big lips, Eileen you were one of my best friends, not only that but another sister. You are family, always and forever I have more sisters & brothers and aa extra Dad from you. May God watch over you and the other loved ones that have gone before you. Rest in Peace, you deserve a rest, you worked hard all your life and raised 4 boys that have become the best men, you were so proud of all of them, and you should be proud, you and Don did a fantastic job raising MEN. I love you and will miss you forever.  
Love Jannise Stallard your sister & friend.

**Jannise Stallard** - February 19, 2019 at 02:59 PM

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“ Fifty-eight years ago we met as young farm brides. We farmed, raised our children and were constant friends. My first friend when I moved to Urbana. If we did not know how to do something we learned and did it anyhow, including concrete work. Eileen taught my children in Head Start and we went to Vo-Tech together. A true friend. Rest in peace my dear. Love to the boys and family. Ruth W.

**Ruth Wilkerson** - February 19, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ Eileen was such a good sister to all her siblings. She was so proud of her 4 boys. RIP Eileen. We will all miss you so much.

**Suzan Thompson** - February 20, 2019 at 05:39 AM

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“ Eileen was so proud of her boys!!! We love you Eileen and will always miss you.

**Suzan Thompson** - February 19, 2019 at 06:47 AM

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“ for 74 years plus Eileen was my sister ---the last few years we spent alot of time talking Kansas basketball she loved those Jayhawks I will miss those times but I know that she is now with our Mother with no pain RIP sis will miss you

**noel wilcox** - February 18, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ Since 1958, when the Wilcox family moved to Preston, my twin sister, Eileen and I became friends. Little did we three know but it was a lasting friendship, that we have so enjoyed over the years. What fun and good times we've had when we would be together. Not only was Eileen my friend but she has been my sister in law for almost 57 years, and I love her like a Sister. RIP Eileen, and when you reach those Pearlie Gates, have a Wonderful time with your mom, family and friends. Your other Sister, Janet Wilcox

**Janette J Wilcox** - February 18, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ My heart is broken. Eileen will be missed every day of my life. When I think of a life of hard work but always full of life it is my sister, Eileen. Your dad , Jesse (96) is so sad but also knows you are with God. Thanks for all the love and lives you have touched. Love, Juanita

**Juanita Weber, sister** - February 19, 2019 at 05:45 AM



“ For my 70 years of life my sister has been in it when our other siblings moved away we remained in Missouri we have taken many trips together. We have argued like sisters do but the one thing u always knew is she loved you.she had many friends and family who will miss her.not a day will go by that I won't think of her she's free now of that oxygen mask and she's with our mother .rest in peace sister you deserve it. Love you

**Gloria simmons** - February 19, 2019 at 06:00 AM



“ Such a sweet person and the best waitress ever. You were a great neighbor to mom, I will miss you. Leila Giberson

**Leila DeMayo** - February 19, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ I loved hearing the stories of the ad ventures with various family members. She sure did love her boys too. I will miss her sassiness. I'm glad she isn't suffering anymore. RIP sweet lady.

**Brenda Franks** - February 19, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ I want to thank you mom for taking care of me for 53 years you was the best cook and the best doctor and loving mom I could ever for Rest In Peace my for ever and ever give dad hug for me

**Darryl** - February 20, 2019 at 11:32 AM