



## Wilberta T. "Birdie" Ernst

September 6, 1929 - December 15, 2019

Wilberta Teresa Rose Ernst (nee Bohnert) passed away Sunday, December 15, 2019. Born in Apple Creek, Missouri on September 6, 1929, she is preceded in death by her husband of nearly fifty years, Weldon Joseph, and an infant son, Von James.

She was youngest of fifteen children of parents Henry and Julia Bohnert. She is survived by her sister, Bernice Gotto; son Terry (Helena); son Warren (Mirna); daughter Suzette Schilling (Wally); daughter Vickie Epley (Doug); grandchildren Michael Steimle; Kenny Steimle; Sarah Tillman; Matthew Ernst; Alex Landero; Jamie Schilling; Angela Schupp; Nathan Schilling, Tyson Schilling; Emma Epley and Samuel Epley; and 18 great grandchildren.

More affectionately known as "Birdie" to all, she was well-known for her devout faith, strong family bond, kindness, and cooking that fed countless meals for many. She was known far and wide for her German Chocolate Cake, Cinnamon Rolls, and Christmas Candy.

Resting in the Arms of Jesus, Birdie's light burned 90 years bright and will offer treasured memories to those in her family, friends, and parish community.

Visitation will be at Ford & Young Chapel in Perryville, Missouri from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2019. Visitation will be Friday,

December 20, 2019 from 6:30 – 9:15 a.m. with a Rosary being said at 8:30. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Maurus Catholic Church in Biehle, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to St. Maurus Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Maurus Catholic Cemetery

Biehle, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Young Chapel  
110 S. West St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Maurus Catholic Church  
10198 Hwy. B  
Biehle, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilberta T. "Birdie" Ernst*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Wilberta T. "Birdie" Ernst*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilberta T. "Birdie" Ernst.*



December 19, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Wilberta T. "Birdie" Ernst.*



December 19, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Wilberta T. "Birdie" Ernst.*



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December 18, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ *We extend our sincere sympathy to all the family at this difficult time. It is never easy to part with loved one. Be assured of our prayers for each of you.*

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**Clarence & Thelma Nations** - December 18, 2019 at 04:05 PM