



Wilma Galema

July 5, 1925 - March 13, 2014

Wilma Jeanette Galema was received into her eternal rest on March 13, 2014.

She was born to Martin J. and Effie M. (Heerdt) Galema on July 5, 1925 in Lafayette IN, where she lived most of her life. Wilma graduated from Jefferson High School in 1943. She was employed by Duncan Electric/Landis & Gyr as a professional secretary for 49 years, retiring in 1992. Wilma took great pride in her job, which began in the time of manual typewriters and continued beyond retirement when Wilma taught computer word-processing classes. She spoke fondly of the people she worked with as her engineers. She came out of retirement to work at Technology Transfer for six years.

Wilma was a member Lafayette Christian Reformed Church and the Lafayette Christian School Society. She was active in the International Association of Administrative Professionals, serving as officer at the Lafayette Chapter and Indian Division levels. She was also part of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Auxiliary and Lafayette Symphony Guild. Wilma enjoyed bowling and golf and singing alto in the church choir.

In 2007 Wilma moved to Holland MI, where she joined 14th St. Christian Reformed Church, and sang for a time with Evergreen Singers.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, sister and brother-in-law Sue

and Gerald Baas, and brother Joseph Galema. One sister-in-law, Lois Galema, and nine nieces and nephews survive her: Joseph Galema, Jr., Sheryl (Stephen) Stam, Diane (Ed) Ritzema, Mary (Marvin) Hofman, Jane (Craig) Friesema, John (Beth) Baas, James (Stephanie) Baas, Steven (MaryJo) Baas, Daniel Baas. She is also survived by 23 great nieces and nephews, and 13 great-great nieces and nephews. Wilma dearly loved her family and was known to all as Auntie.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, at 14th St. Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Marvin Hofman officiating. Visitation is at the church one hour before the service. A service of Christian burial will be held at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in West Lafayette, IN, at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, with visitation at the cemetery from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Lunch will follow at Lafayette Christian Reformed Church. Memorials may be made to Calvin College or Dordt College. The family is being served by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Galema*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy and condolences to the family of Wilma Galema on her passing. Her contribution to IAAP (formerly NSA/PSI) is immeasurable and honored. Judith A. Yannarelli, CAP-OM*

Judith A. Yannarelli, CAP-OM - Longs, SC - Member of IAAP - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Wilma in PSI some 30 years ago. She became my mentor and friend. I learned a lot from Wilma on how to write reports, check for mistakes, and etc. She was always there for me or whoever was in need. She served our Chapter of Professional Secretaries with great pride. I learned a great deal from you Wilma, I know sometimes you didn't think I did. You did our Chapter proud and I know you loved your job so much. You will be greatly missed by all of us who knew you. I will see you again some day. God Bless.*

Cathy J Hillyer - Lafayette, IN - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ As I recall she started working at Duncan Electric while still in high school at Jeff. She typed, produced, distributed, and filed Engineering documents. She could easily locate documents produced many years earlier. She kept us in line. She would clean and clean and clean the glass tops of the copy machines prior to copying her Professional Secretary (name changed later?) documents. Not a speck or smudge was allowed. I spent several late nights working on her computer at her house. She liked her Word Perfect.If I, and the Lord, are willing I may exceed her years of service during the next two years.Everyday she comes into our lives by the usage of the many pieces of Tupperware she sold us. She loved her family as evidence by the many hours of talking about your families and activities. She was a wonderful Christian lady. We appreciate your caring for you Aunt. May God's blessings continually flow upon your families.P.S She taught me the gift of extended communication! And I pray she extends grace to me for the errors I have made in this Guest Book!

Glen and Linda Miller - Delphi, IN - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ I worked for Duncan/(Landis & Gyr) as a young electrical engineer and for the next 39 years, I appreciated her attitude, her willingness to help us anyway she could, especially with writing memos, reports, etc. My wife and I always tried to give her some of the apples that we got every fall from our brother-in-law's orchard. She wanted to pay for them and it was a challenge to get her to accept them without paying for them. She was a good LADY, an excellant engineering secretary, and strong believer. GOD BLESS her family.
Jim Milligan

Jim Milligan - Carol Stream, IL - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Wilma was a great inspiration to most of us young people in IAAP. She wasn't afraid to tell you when something wasn't quite right. May some uncomfortable but I admired her straight forward attitude. She will be missed by many but never forgotten.

Terry Saunders - Monon, IN - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Wilma was a very respected professional. She expected everyone to work to their best ability and set an excellent example for the rest of us. She continued to learn new skills through out her career. Engineers are not noted for their writing skills. Wilma helped them make important reports grammatically correct and readable. I consider it a privilege to have known and worked with her.

Jim Schlatter - Mulberry, IN - co-worker - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ Larry(now deceased)and I Anna worked with Wilma for 23 years at Landis and Gyr. She was a great friend and very kind to us. My heart goes out to Wilma's family. Prayers are with you also.

Anna Smith - Lafayette, IN - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Wilma was such an incredible person. She was a great person to learn from and laugh with. She will be missed by many. May God bless the family as they go through this difficult time.

Ethel Gullicksen - Ocala, FL - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Wilma and I met through Tupperware. She made the best candy and always loved to do her microwave candy demonstrations for our team. We visited a lot outside of "business" too. She was such a thoughtful person, taking the time to come have lunch when my youngest son was born so she could meet him! My kids loved to visit always ending with a visit to the pig cookie jar! Rest in peace special lady.

donna gaeta - lafayette, IN - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ The Evansville Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is sad to learn of Wilma's passing. Her professional life inspired many of us throughout Indiana and she will be missed.

Sharon Katterjohn - Evansville, IN - Acquaintance through IAAP - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM