



## Wilma E. (Pletcher) Penwell

April 16, 1912 - April 25, 2010

Wilma E. (Pletcher) Penwell, age 98, of Bloomingdale, began her heavenly journey on April 25, 2010. Wilma was born on April 16, 1912 in Minden City, MI. She was the third of seven children born to William Jackson and Kathryn (Wilson) Pletcher. Her parents and five siblings, Genevieve, Alice, Edna, Bernie, and Jack, preceded her in passing. She married Harve L. Penwell in September, 1932. They had four children. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was active in the Maccabee's, Methodist Church Women's Guild and Sewing Circle. She was one of the early "working moms," enjoyed cooking, sewing, and other handcraft activities. When she retired from J.C. Penney Co. in Niles, MI, she became a foster grandparent, sharing her "grandma wisdom" with youngsters at the Berrien County Juvenile Center. Later on, she also spent time "rocking and loving" babies at Pawating Hospital in Niles. For family gatherings, a favorite request was apple pie slices, and she always had time for that treat. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends, knowing she's finally "home." She was preceded in death by her husband Harve, daughters Kathleen (Kay) Bodjack, Brenda (Ann) Martin, and grandson James (Jamey) Wilkens. She is survived by her brother William (Bill and wife Jean) Pletcher, her children Dale (Kathy) Penwell, Chambersburg, PA, and Ruth Ellen Wilkens, Portage, MI. Also surviving are grandchildren Nicki Jo Wingaert, Toni Kay (Fred) Bruegmann, Amy (Jesse) Yaloff, Linda (Jordan) Celkupa, Michael Penwell, Kathryn (Scott) Picchiottino, Deborah (Michael) Fleetwood, Kirk

(Kim) Martin, Matthew (Theresa) Martin, Joseph (Yvonne) Wilkins, Jonathan (Bonnie) Wilkens. Wilma is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Those who love and miss her are 14 great grandchildren and one expected great great grandchild. Family will receive friends at the BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 12 noon for visitation with service to follow at 2 PM. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or the Activities Department at Meadow Woods Nursing and Rehab Ctr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomingtondale, MI

## Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma always did things with perfection. She taught me to strive for the best in all I attempt. Am so grateful to her.##imported-begin##Karen Hronec##imported-end##*

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May 01, 2010 at 12:00 PM



“ *I came to know & love Wilma @ Meadow Woods while my husband was a resident there. What a wonderful, joyous woman ! Her smile lit up a room. And so thoughtful & kind.*

*My condolences , thoughts & prayers to the entire family.##imported-begin##Betty Tomlin##imported-end##*

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April 30, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Kyle and Vicki Monroe##imported-end##*

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April 27, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ *Kathryn, Deb, Kirk & Matthew... I am sorry about your loss, may our thoughts and prayers be with you.##imported-begin##Kimberly Bell Otten##imported-end##*

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April 26, 2010 at 03:12 PM



“ Aunt Wilma In my mind are the pictures of family picnics in your backyard. Among my favorite memories growing up are those times when we (the family) would gather in your backyard in Hartford for family reunions. I loved that big swing in that giant tree and gliding back and forth in the glider. I loved the smell of baked goods in your kitchen and the big chalk board on the wall. I tell the story to this day of when I picked a pussy willow off the stems you had sitting in a vase and accidentally sniffed it up my nose ... you took me to your doctor to have it removed. What a silly memory. My Mom loved you with all her heart; just as I do. I miss her and I miss you. Love Sara Jo

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April 26, 2010 at 01:00 PM



“ We love you. We will see you again when Jesus calls us to our mansion.

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April 26, 2010 at 12:13 PM