

Bernadine Mary McCumber

Bernadine Mary McCumber was born in Grand Island, NE. June 6, 1928. Her parents were Erma and William Niedfelt she graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1946 She married Wilbur J. McCumber November 19, 1950 in Grand Island. They had five children, Cathleen, Andrew, Bradley, Lori, and Mark. September 1, 1953, they moved to Wood River, Nebraska. Wilbur worked at the Bank of Wood River and Bernie was the full time home maker caring for the family. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling, working in Church, and her children and grandchildren. She died January 26, 2009 from pancreatic cancer. She was survived by her husband and their five children and grandchildren. . As a member of the Methodist Church, Bernie became very active and was instrumental in the progression of the church. She taught Sunday school, was on many committees and fund raising projects and, of course, was a member of various Circles, which meant so much to her.

She was instrumental in the funding and designing of the stained glass windows for the new church. She designed banners and whenever she visited her children, she shopped for decorative materials to make them. One project she truly enjoyed was making Crismans for the church Christmas tree.

Bernie had many friends and, though busy raising a family of five, she found time to enjoy those friendships. She belonged to a bowling team called the "Pin Setters" and they brought home several trophies. She also enjoyed golfing at the Wood River Country Club and served a term on that board. She belonged to a bridge club. She loved to travel and was able to visit many places.

Bernie's many friendships in Wood River were witnessed by the abundant cards she received during her illness.

Many would mention acts of kindness that she had done for them or words of encouragement from her that had helped them during a rough time. She would read and re-read all of the cards sent to her and she was touched by every card she received. She was a great wife, mother, and will always be remembered.