



Wilma Jeanne "Willi" Hanlon

July 25, 1930 - March 7, 2026

Wilma Jeanne "Willi" Gertrude Hanlon, age 95 ½ passed away at home surrounded by love on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Willi was born in Chicago on July 25, 1930, at St. Anne's Hospital. She is the daughter of the late George "Sela" and Novella Hankins. Willi spent her first 5 years in Chicago before moving to Round Lake Beach where she attended grade school. She was a graduate of Grant Highschool. During her time at Grant Highschool, she met the love of her life and father of her children, Donald M. Hjortland. While growing up she enjoyed working at her parent's store, H & H Grocery and Hardware. She was a resident of Long Lake until 1973 when she moved south to St. Petersburg, Florida where she met her husband, Jim Hanlon. They spent several years in Florida before moving back to Ingleside Illinois to be closer to family and is where she lived for the rest of her days. She loved pontoon boat rides around Long Lake, gardening, chocolate and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter Cheryl (the late Roy) Preece, her son Donald "Skip" Hjortland (Kristen Laxgang); grand-children Christopher Walaszek and Alisha (Jay) Frost; great grand-children Sienna (Andre) Hatami, Coral Walaszek, Ayden Walaszek, Aubri Walaszek and Kai Calacci, and great-great-grandchildren Griffin Walaszek and Emerson Hatami.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Hanlon and daughter Marcie Hjortland.

A celebration of life will be held on July 25, 2026, details to be announced at a

later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryl and Skip,
Your mom was a ray of sunshine. I have fond childhood memories of her, your dad, my parents, and the whole card club group. They always had a wonderful time together (obvious from the pictures of parties in Russ and Betty’s basement) and supported each other through life’s ups and downs. They told great stories of the adventures they had and were so fortunate to have such close friendships for a lifetime. I hope the memories bring some comfort.
Linda Lagerstrom Mateja



linda mateja - March 27 at 09:11 AM

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“ She was a wonderful woman, I had the pleasure of seeing her when she lived in Florida with Cheryl and when she came back to Ingleside. Beautiful lady. My condolences to the family. RIP



Linda Matheson - March 27 at 12:34 AM

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“ Cheryl Preece lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jeanne "Willi Hanlon



Cheryl Preece - March 26 at 07:48 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Willi



Cheryl Preece - March 26 at 04:00 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Willi



Cheryl Preece - March 26 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Oh Dear Wilma,
I am so proud to say I am glad I had a chance to meet you at our Grant Community High School Alumni events two times a year. We were glad you came out to that event driven by Cheryl. Thank You for being a great lady up to the end! Memories are what keeps our loved ones alive as our hearts are filled with sorrow. May you rest in Peace, Dear Wilma. Sincerely, Tina and Robert "Bosh" Uselding. Fellow Grant Alumni.*

Tina Uselding - March 26 at 10:09 AM