



## Obituary

**Born:** Saturday, August 16, 1930

**Died:** Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Eleanor Marie (Knutson) Hamilton was born on August 16, 1930 in Marshalltown, IA. She was the seventh child of Emil M. and Edna M. (Castor) Knutson. On her home birth, the doctor placed her aside thinking she was still born. The attending mid-wife, Minnie Waddell, noticing that she was still breathing, caressed baby Eleanor thereby saving her life! Her family later moved to Council Bluffs, IA, where she graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1948. She worked as a Dental Assistant for Doctor Hollingsworth. Eleanor met William (Bill) Hamilton on a blind date set up by their best and life-long friends, Jack and Gretchen Minikus. She joined the Holy Catholic Church and they were married on November 19, 1949 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Council Bluffs. They bought a small farm in the Council Bluffs area, where they ran a dairy goat farm

## Service Summary

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### Recitation of the Rosary

6:00 PM Sun May 12, 2013

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

1728 St. Joseph St.  
Trenton, MO 64683

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### Visitation

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Sun May 12,  
2013

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### Mass of Christian Burial

10:30 AM Mon May 13, 2013

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In 1963, with seven children, they moved to Missouri and bought a farm in the Jamesport area. Eleanor and Bill had four more children. They raised their eleven children on their organic truck farm. She started working at Sunnyview Nursing Home to help care for her mother-in-law there when her mother-in-law could no longer stay with them in their home. She went on to get her CNA and later because of her love for flowers and gardening become the Horticulturist Specialist in which she helped the residents in botanical therapy. She also was in charge of the shopping for the nursing home residents. Later as their children were grown, Eleanor and Bill also sold vegetables and farm goods at the local farmer's markets.

Eleanor was a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Her greatest gifts were her kindness, patience, faith and love to all. She was preceded in death by her dear husband of 63 years, William A. Hamilton "Bill", her daughter, Mary, her grandson, Danny, her parents and all seven of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children:

Michael Hamilton and wife Delia of Corpus Christi, TX  
Joseph Hamilton and wife Sandy of Gilman City, MO  
Anna Brill and husband Charles of Savannah, MO  
John Hamilton of Richmond, TX  
Rose Bingham and husband Jim of Galt, MO  
James Hamilton and wife Bernita of Kansas City, MO  
Rita Hamilton of Trenton, MO  
Monica Beck and husband Robert of Trenton, MO  
Ellen Burton and husband Everett of Sugar Land, TX  
Maria Anim-Kwapong and husband Joseph of Missouri City, TX

Son-in-law Glen Brill of Trenton, MO  
27 grand children and 14 great grand children

A Rosary will be held Sunday evening, May 12th at 6:00p.m.  
at St. Joseph's Catholic Church , 1728 St. Joseph Sreet,  
Trenton, MO

Visitation will follow in the Parish Hall.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, May 13th at  
10:30a.m. at

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph's  
Catholic Church.