



## Gerladine Wessman

July 15, 1926 - December 12, 2012

Geraldine Risdal Hilker Wessman was born July 15, 1926 to Christ and Marie Risdal of Roland, Iowa. Geraldine married her first husband, Dale Hilker of Roland, in 1947, and had four children. She married her second husband, Garner Wessman of Ames, in 1969, and had five step-children.

Geraldine worked as a lab tech in the Agronomy Department at Iowa State University. She was also a lab tech at the National Animal Disease Center until her retirement in the late eighties. Geraldine started the first Brownie group in the 50's at Roland and was active with her daughters in Girl Scouts and 4-H.

She enjoyed sewing, bowling, square dancing, golfing and raising her children. She was a member of various women groups and served on membership and serving committees. Golf was her passion in her retirement years.

Geraldine passed away on Tuesday morning, December 12, 2012, at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake, Iowa at 86 years of age.

She is survived by her four children, Gloria Hilker, Carol Hilker Ryan, Dean (Karen) Hilker, and Rick Hilker; two brothers, Gerald Risdal and Robert Risdal; two sisters, Margaret Risdal Strum and Blanche Risdal Hill; and as well as her 5 step-children, Steve (Kay) Wessman, Scott Wessman, John (Ann) Wessman, Neil (Peg) Wessman, Ann Wessman; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands; one brother, Rudolph Risdal; and one grandchild.

A burial service will be scheduled midsummer 2013. If interested in attending, please tell the family.

Sympathy cards may be sent to: Gloria Hilker, 209 6th Ave South, Clear Lake, Iowa

50428.

# Comments

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“ I only knew Gerry remotely through Gloria but it was both an inspiration and joy to enjoy their interactions and the brightness in Gerry's eyes as she and her loving daughter sang and laughed together. We can not expect more of life than to leave others the gift of laughter. I hope you all will most remember that infectious laugh and the loveing care and comfort Lori was able to provide her in those final years.

**Tom Bogle** - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our family was very sorry to hear of your loss. We have many fond memories of Geri over the years. Such a happy and caring person. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Most Sincerely,  
Paul, Sandi, and Alison Risdal

**Sandi Risdal** - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about your Mother. I lost my Mom  
A couple years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Kirk Romsey** - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM