



Lillian Floy Altom

February 28, 1929 - June 26, 2026

Lillian Floy Altom passed on to her eternal home in heaven on Friday, June 26th.

Born to Floyd and Lillian Baushke of Riverside on February 28, 1929. She was confirmed in May of 1942. She was a long-time member of Faith Lutheran Church in Coloma and later at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sister Lakes.

Lillian graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1946. Her love for baking and decorating cakes for family and friends led her to teach adult education classes at Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Watervliet and Coloma Schools. In 1972, she began working at the Hilltop Store Bakery in St. Joseph decorating cakes, retiring in 1992. Many observed in amazement as she transformed an ordinary cake into a masterpiece of art.

In June of 1959 Lillian married her soulmate, William (Bill) Altom, and they celebrated 65+ years together before his passing in 2025.

Bill and Lillian began collecting older glassware and pottery early in their marriage and they enjoyed many trips together in search of unique finds. They were active members of the local Depression Era Glass Club and eventually opened Touch of Glass store in Coloma.

Lillian is survived by her sons Richard (Lynn) Winslow, Rob (Lowenda) Altom, Jeff (Stephanie) Altom, daughters Debra (Chuck) Terry, June Altom, son in law Wayne (Ruth) Neeley, daughter in law Nancy (Floyd) Winslow, 17 grandchildren and 42 + great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William Altom, brother Lester Baushke, children Floyd Winslow, Ruth Neeley, Sharon Tunstill, Pauline Morris, Mary Lock and Steven Altom, and also her sons-in-law Donald Lock, Randall Morris, and Chuck Terry.

The family will receive friends and family in memory of Lillian, at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Thursday, July 3rd at 1pm followed by a Memorial Service at 2pm. Family and friends are invited to stay for a luncheon immediately following the service at church. A private interment will take place at North Shore Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by the Florin Funeral & Cremation Service. Please leave memories or messages at www.florin.net

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Upcoming Events

Celebration of life

JUL 2. 2:00 AM (ET)

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sister Lakes
66325 M-152
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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