

Lula Blanche Bay was born February 26, 1907 in Barton County, Missouri near Golden City to George and Nettie Viola (Hutchinson) Hamilton. She died 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 12, 2001 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Findlay, Ohio. Lula was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Leonard Bay, grandchild Randy Earl and brothers Scott and John "Pete" Hamilton. Lula was 93 years, 11 months and 16 days old.

Lula lived a good long life, but by today's standards some periods of her life would be considered very hard. She was born on a farm in Barton County, Missouri. Like most farmers in the area her parents were poor and she and her two brothers and sister helped in farm duties during her early years. She finished 8th grade at West Point School (all that was available in her area) and left home at 15 to live with her Aunt Dena in Carthage, Missouri. She started work at age 15 as a telephone operator for the local telephone company before moving to Kansas City, Missouri in 1924. She found employment there in the offices of Montgomery Ward.

Lula married Earl Bay in Kansas City on September 26, 1926 and their son Bill was born there in 1928. A second son Leonard was born in 1929 but died shortly after birth. They moved to a farm in the Lamar area in 1929. In 1931 they moved to the Golden City area where their other children Wayne and Geneva were born. This period was the great depression and times were hard. They gave up farming in 1938 and moved to Golden City where Earl bought a pool hall. In 1939 he sold the pool hall to Scott Hamilton, moved his family to Buffalo, Missouri and set up another pool hall. Later they sold this business and went into the restaurant business until shortly before Earl's death of a brain tumor in 1952 at the age of 48.

Lula was 45 at the time of Earl's death and had to become the family breadwinner. Both sons were in service during this time of the Korean Conflict. She and daughter Geneva, age 17, moved to Kansas City, Missouri in September, 1952 and Lula went to work for Milgram Grocery Store as a meat wrapper. Lula did this type of work for the Milgram Company for 20 years until her retirement in 1972 at age 64. She was a member of the Local No. 576, UFCW, AFL-CIO, CLC of Kansas City, MO and the Rebecca Lodge, Olive Branch #14 Kansas City.

Lula loved to travel and over the years she visited such places as London for the Queen's Jubilee, Hawaii for the Hula Bowl, Las Vegas, Washington D.C, Niagara Falls, California for the Rose Bowl and the Parade of Roses, Florida, Ohio, Colorado, South Carolina, New Orleans for Mardi Gras and she also went on a Caribbean Cruise.

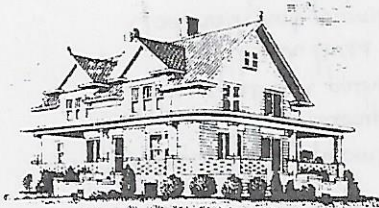
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Lula was a longtime member of the Westport United Methodist Church in Kansas City and was quite active in all their programs and activities. Another activity she enjoyed very much was ballroom dancing and was an active member of a dance club in Kansas City. Lula loved to get dressed up and go dancing spending many happy hours in this activity with her boyfriends, even into her 80's.

One comment you frequently heard when people were speaking of Lula was "She is such a sweet person." She was a caring and considerate person and took the time to show it. She was a great one to worry about members of her family, especially the grandchildren. She took great interest in their activities and tried to keep in touch. One thing the grandchildren could always count on was a birthday card from her and it usually had a \$2 enclosure. This was her way to let them know that their Grandma or Bubba, as she was called by some, was thinking of them.

Lula was hit by a car August 30, 1989 while out for her daily walk. She barely survived multiple injuries but fought hard to regain use of her left arm after surgery. Lula was able to resume a fairly normal life within six months but continued to have health problems. She moved to Findlay, Ohio in 1991 to be close to her son Bill and lived independently for several years. The 90's weren't kind to Lula and she suffered one serious illness after another, including four strokes. She gradually lost her mobility and moved into an assisted living facility in Spring, 1999. She had lived there three months when she fell and broke a hip. Lula was in a nursing home at the time of her death, fourteen days from her 94th birthday. (written by Zelma and Bill Bay)

Lula is survived by two sons, Bill Bay, Findlay, Ohio and Wayne Bay, Anaheim, CA and one daughter Geneva Jablonski, Denver, CO, one sister Emma Everitt, Joplin, MO, 1 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Other relatives, friends, and neighbors will cherish the memories of this loving and compassionate woman.



PUGH FUNERAL HOME
Golden City, Missouri

IN MEMORY OF

LULA BLANCHE BAY

BORN February 26, 1907
Barton County, Missouri
Age: 93 Years

DIED February 12, 2001
Findlay, Ohio
11 Months 16 Days

MEMORIAL SERVICES
Saturday, April 7, 2001 2:00 p.m.
Pugh Funeral Home
Golden City, Missouri

OFFICIATING
Pastor Eldon Allen

MUSIC
"How Great Thou Art"
Mary Probert, Organist
Stanley Parker, Soloist

INTERMENT
I.O.O.F. Cemetery
Golden City, MO

A committal service will be held a service at I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Please use caution when following the casket coach. You must turn on your emergency flashers while you are in procession. You should turn your headlights on also.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Westport United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home.



A Memorial Tribute