



Olga Bales

March 18, 1912 - December 10, 2011

ADRIAN – Olga E. Bales, 99 $\frac{3}{4}$, of Adrian, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2011, at her home.

She was born March 18, 1912, in Adrian, the daughter of John and Martha (Stein) Schultz. Olga graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1930.

On April 16, 1931, Olga married her high school sweetheart, Virgil Bales, at the Michigan Theater in Jackson. Although the minister was certain the marriage would never last, Olga and Virgil celebrated their 76th anniversary prior to his death in 2007.

Olga worked with Virgil in the family business, Bales Trucking and Supply Company, which later became Bales Inc. During the early days of the business, they worked the family farm during the daytime and spent evenings hauling sand and gravel.

Olga and Virgil enjoyed many years of wintering in Florida. They traveled extensively with the Holiday Ramblers. They also enjoyed square dancing. Olga received a commendation from the Navy for the over 3,000 cards she decorated for servicemen. She was a faithful member of the Trenton Hills United Brethren Church in Adrian, and attended the Nazarene Church when in

Florida. A woman who deeply loved her family Olga will be remembered as humble, kind, and soft-spoken.

She is survived by her children: Virgil "Bill" (Mary Ellen) Bales of Florida; Merrill (Judy) Bales of Manitou Beach; Judy (Don) Ford of Adrian; and Timothy (Peggy) Bales, also of Adrian; 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Schultz.

The funeral service for Olga will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Contributions in memory of Olga may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. You may also send condolences to the family at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Olga Bales*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Can't think of Devils Lake without thinking of the Bales Family. I am sorry for your lost. Peace be with you all.##imported-begin##Tami Michael##imported-end##*

December 14, 2011 at 01:29 PM



“ *We are all so sorry to hear about the loss of Grandma Bales. We know you will find comfort in your wonderful memories of her joyful, long life - she was a wonderful lady! Our good thoughts, prayers and love to you all.##imported-begin##The Wenners##imported-end##*

December 14, 2011 at 12:02 AM



“ *Please accept our condolences for the loss of your dear mother! She and Virgil were both so kind and caring. We pray for God's closeness to your entire family! I will never forget the friendship of the Bales family through out the years - especiall with Bill and Mary Ellen.##imported-begin##Ruth and Don Corbin##imported-end##*

December 12, 2011 at 04:40 PM



“ Please accept our condolences for the loss of your dear mother. She and your Dad were always so friendly and caring whenever we saw them. I don't think they ever forgot a face! May God be especially close to you all during this time!
A special note to Bill and Mary Ellen: We still think of your friendship through the years and have never forgotten the good times together!

Ruth and Don Corbin##imported-begin##Ruth and Don Corbin##imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 04:28 PM



“ Judy and Don, my deepest condoleinces. Richard and I are thinking of you at this time of sorrow. Know that we have you in our prayers. Love you always Susie and Richard Weichman##imported-begin##Susie DeLaCruz-Weichman##imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 12:53 PM



“ We would like to send our condolences to Howard and the entire family. You will be in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Pat & Jackie Miller##imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 12:24 PM



“ Jolene, I am so sorry for your lost, but we know that in that great day we will see our loved ones again. Love to you##imported-begin##Irene Morris##imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY--FROM A OLD CLASSMATE##imported-begin##RAY ETTER##imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the entire Bales family. I worked with Jayna on the Addison Fire & Rescue. I will keep the entire family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Edward Panasiewicz Jr##imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 07:10 PM



“ To the Bale's Family. I'm very sorry to hear of the passing Mrs. Bales. We were neighbors in Madison Center for many years. My parents were Gerald and Mary Deshler. I remember when I mowed their grass how very kind and friendly both Olga and Virgil were to me. My condolences on your loss.
Jim Deshler##imported-begin##James Deshler##imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ Bales Family,

We know how much Olga enjoyed life and enjoyed her family and friends, she was a wonderful person. Our love and thoughts are with all of you.

The Kern Family##imported-begin##The Kern Family##imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 04:14 PM



“ Olga....Known as "Mom Bales" to many will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Now she has been reunited with Virgil and all of the other angels before God.

God bless the family and may they feel God's comfort in this time.

My love to Judy and family!

Ruth & Rafael Garcia###imported-begin##Ruth & Rafael Garcia###imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ We were some of the luckiest people to have gotten to know momma Olga. And if you didn't get that chance you missed one of the best. She was truly a gift not only to Don and Judy as well as other family but to everyone she met in her 100 years of life. Her love of coloring and giving to the soldiers was just incredible. I pray Gods peace on all of you. Love ya momma Olga.###imported-begin##Rob & Connie Scott###imported-end##

December 10, 2011 at 07:43 PM