



Novilla Fern Utterback

December 7, 1928 - October 5, 2025

Novilla Fern Utterback, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt, entered Heaven on October 5, 2025—just shy of her 97th birthday. She passed peacefully at the home of her son, Dale. Novilla’s love for sewing and crafting was only surpassed by her deep love for her late husband, Bill. Affectionately known as “Aunt Tootie” to her nieces and nephews, Novilla cherished every moment spent with family. She is survived by her son, Dale (Bobbie) Utterback; daughter, Donna Harvey; and five grandchildren—Heather Allen, Alana (Zack) Bowles, Jordan (Alex) Medina, Sydney Harvey, and Terri Harvey. She also leaves behind five great-grandchildren: Michalea Watson, Rowan Day, Jemma Johnson, Adrian Medina, and Gabriel Allen.

A private burial service will be held for the family. A Celebration of Life will take place at 3:00 PM on October 17, 2025, at Old Mission United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Novilla’s name to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Old Mission United Methodist Church
5519 State Park Road
Fairway, KS 66205

Tribute Wall

AP

“ I meet Novila after i had moved into the welstone She always had that smile on her face caring lady she was always there to help. when it was your birthday she would give out her neddle point magnet. The last one i gotten was of a flower. I had asked could you do a JayHawk she statedd sorry dont know that one i said no worries but a flower was best ever. She would help out at maryjos rumage sales each time we had one. Going to the casino was one of our monday once a month highlights till she gottten tired of going. One time we went was before xmas our bus driver said he take a picture of us in front of the christmas tree. There we were all smiles.

Annie Phillips - October 11, 2025 at 05:51 PM

PM

“ Novella and Bill were dedicated volunteer workers at Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church in Argentine. Novella cared about people with her own unique style. Rest well, good and faithful servant of God.
Pat Martin

Pat Martin - October 09, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Novilla Fern Utterback.



October 09, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Novilla Fern Utterback.

October 09, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ Donna, sorry to hear of your mother's passing, this is Paul Loya, I remember your mother from grade school and middle school days, God bless you and your family.

Paul Loya - October 08, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ My name is Diane Norton my husband is Dr Kenneth Norton my husband and I took care of Billie and Novilla for many years they both were very nice people we both were so sad to hear about her passing please accept our thoughts and prayers and God bless all of you

Diana Norton - October 08, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Novilla was a special friend here at Welstone!
Judy Johnson Apt 110

Judy Johnson - October 07, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Donna, so sorry for your loss! We have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Patty (Whisler) Crawford, Paula (Zarr) Spencer, Kelly (Shepherd) Jordan and Carol (Barton) Williamson

Patty Crawford - October 07, 2025 at 08:47 AM

BP

We were so sorry to hear of Novilla's passing. I met her here at The Welstone eight years ago when we were new residents. She was so friendly and kind to me, we became very good friends. My husband, Fred, loved her too. They don't come any better. Her legacy will live on in the name tags she made for all of us to identify our walkers and the many other art objects she created for us to enjoy. Our Lord is saying, Welcome home, Novilla.

Bunny Prediger - October 08, 2025 at 01:57 PM

ML

My husband worked with your dad and thought a lot of your parents he knew Bill forever since he lived in Argentine too I knew all those old timers good people I am sorry for your loss

Maggie Long - October 09, 2025 at 10:12 PM

DR

Donna and Dale, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I will keep you and your families in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna (Wigle) Rebar - November 18, 2025 at 10:26 AM