



Elaine M Wickert

March 31, 1925 - June 17, 2020

Elaine Mae Wickert, 95, of North Judson, Indiana, our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully in her home on June 17, 2020. She was born Elaine Mae Soberg on March 31, 1925 in Mohall, North Dakota, the third child and only daughter of Arnold and Julia (Haugen) Soberg. The family moved to Chicago when Elaine was one year old and settled in Maywood, Illinois. She was confirmed in Christ at Calvary Community Church in 1939. Elaine attended Proviso Township High School and the University of Illinois where she received a Bachelor of Science degree. She met August Louis Wickert during her last semester in college and they were married May 31st, 1947. They moved to North Judson, Indiana in 1955.

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Orville Soberg and Everett Soberg, her husband August Wickert and son-in-law Donald (Marilyn) Wallace. Her seven children survive her: Marilyn (Donald) Wallace, Garry (Margaret) Wickert, Larry (Marilyn) Wickert, Brian (Patty) Wickert, Janis Wickert, Alice (Charles) Paulsen, and Dean (Lynn) Wickert. Elaine is also survived by nineteen grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren (plus two on the way).

Elaine and Augie established a farm and home west of North Judson from which they enjoyed many activities and associations. They became members at St. Luke United Church of Christ in San Pierre, Indiana (now St. Luke Community Church), where Elaine attended until her death. At the church she

was a member of the Vesper Circle women's group and the Sewing Circle, which gave her an outlet for her many sewing and crafting skills.

Because of her research into developmental disabilities, Elaine helped establish the Marshall-Starke Development Center in 1965, which still operates today. She later taught remedial reading in the North Judson – San Pierre school district. Elaine also was an active member of the North Judson Progress Club.

Elaine enjoyed attending community events, such as high school sporting and theatrical events, and the Starke County fair. She hosted the Farmhouse Extravaganza craft boutique in her home for several years. She loved to travel, and besides visiting almost all the United States including Alaska, she toured Europe, Canada and Norway.

Friends may call at O'Donnell Funeral Home on Sunday June 21, 2020, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Funeral service will be Monday, June 22, 2020, at 10:00 AM followed by interment at the San Pierre Public Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Dunes Hospice or St. Luke Community Church. Share memories and condolences online at www.odonnellfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

San Pierre Cemetery

San Pierre, IN 46374

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ My sincere sympathy to the Wickert family. Elaine always had a smile and could make you feel welcome wherever you were. Her talents were many and she shared them willingly with everyone. She raised a beautiful family that will carry forward her wonderful contributions. God Bless.

Alice Bau - June 24, 2020 at 04:45 PM

KL

“ I never knew Elaine as much as I did her children. But I always knew she was a loving, caring, and generous lady simply by her offspring. I am so thankful for the wonderful friendships we have had with her children, as well as her grandchildren. I love that we raised our kids together in North Judson!
God be with you with many touches of His grace as you share memories of her life, and continue to carry her life on to others! We love you!

Karen Lucas - June 22, 2020 at 09:14 AM

DB

“ Larry and all of the families please accept our prayers and blessings to all with the passing of a wonderful lady. I had the privilege of working with Elaine on the MSDC board and other activities in Starke County. She was a faithful servant in all she accomplished...what a full and wonderful life she had.

Dennis Beville - June 20, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine M Wickert.*



June 19, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *I remember as a kid, not sure how old I was. Mom was in the hospital, Mrs. Wickert and her family welcomed us into their home. There were 5 of us at that time. She said something to the effect with her 7 kids in mind "what's a few more" She was such a loving lady. With that memory I remember nothing else about the visit except the trampoline and Janet jumping and many of us kids getting to roll up and be popcorn with Janice on the trampoline. Mrs. Wickert I will always remember your smile and how sweet you were. God Bless all of the family, may his peace carry you through this difficult time.*

Mary L Wildman - June 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ *Elaine was the heart of a wonderful family. Her presence and involvement at church and in the community helped shape us all. I am sad for her family and their loss but I know she is a large part of who they are and they will carry that love forward. May God welcome Elaine to her reward!*

David Sheets - June 19, 2020 at 11:14 AM

MP

“ *My prayers and love go to the entire Wickert family. I had the joy of sharing a great deal of time with Elaine and Janis when I lived in Indiana. I pray that all of her children, grandchildren and those great-grandchildren she keep counting~~ wrap yourselves in beautiful memories and the many proud moments you shared with her. Much love~
Marilyn Parker
Gardiner, Maine*

Marilyn A. Parker - June 19, 2020 at 10:55 AM

TF

“ *The Watson Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Elaine M Wickert.*



The Watson Family - June 19, 2020 at 10:15 AM

JV

“ *What a wonderful Women, a great loss for family, a wonderful gift for heaven. She will be greatly missed. I loved seeing her beautiful smile and always kind words. If we all could be so kind and giving this world would be a piece of heaven on earth. RIP, sweet lady.*



Jo vitallo - June 19, 2020 at 10:06 AM

MP

“ *Marilyn A. Parker lit a candle in memory of Elaine M Wickert*



Marilyn A. Parker - June 18, 2020 at 10:46 PM

MR

“ *I want to express my sincere sympathy to the Wickert children. We grew up together in school, in band and in 4-H. Elaine was a wonderful and kind woman. I will pray for your entire family. Marlene Troike Rork*

Marlene Rork - June 18, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elaine M Wickert.*



June 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM