



Maxine Marie Wells

January 18, 1926 - October 8, 2019

Maxine Riddering Wells, age 93, went to be with her Lord on the evening of October 8, 2019.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Lynn M. Wells; her parents John and Mary Riddering; brother, Warren and sister, Mary Ann Ensing; brothers-in-law Warren Sadler, Alvan Wells, Milton Leidner, and Gene Chute; sisters-in-law Barbara Wells and Roberta Leidner.

She will be remembered by her children Lynn (Patricia) Wells, Jesse (Lynn) Wells, Cynthia (Dennis) Hoffman, and Jonathan Wells; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; brother, Ken (Sarah) Riddering; sisters Rosemary Chute, Bonnie (Dale) Kruithof, and Lynne (Jim) Broene; brother-in-law, Willard Ensing; and many nieces and nephews. Also special to Maxine was her honorary family Christoph and Evi deRoche of Switzerland, and Pierre Cruchaud, also of Switzerland.

Maxine helped husband Lynn run Wells Polled Herefords, raising registered beef cattle, and was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She had a warm heart and was active in the Grandville United Methodist Church, was a member of Riverbend Ladies' Literary Club, Grandville Literary Club, Women's Circle at the Church, Church Women United of Grand Rapids (serving as President at one point), and served as Secretary of the Southwest Michigan Polled Hereford Association.

In addition to these formal activities, Maxine devoted herself to raising their four children, keeping a well-run household, feeding farm hands, serving as secretary and bookkeeper, and helpmate for the farm. She accompanied husband Lynn on his business travels when she could, and the two of them traveled to nearly every state as well as a European tour, a family visit to the Netherlands, and a church trip to the Holy Land.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Grandville United Methodist Church, 3140 Wilson Ave., S.W., Grandville, MI 49418, with visitation

from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the service, and a light luncheon after the service. In keeping with Maxine's wishes, she has been cremated and interment of her ashes will be at Riverbend Cemetery.

In honor of Maxine and in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Grandville United Methodist Church.

The family welcomes memories and messages in their guest book online at www.cookcares.com.

Cemetery

Events

Riverbend Cemetery

Walker, MI,

NOV 16 Visitation 10:00AM - 10:45AM

Grandville United Methodist Church
3140 Wilson Ave. SW, Grandville, MI, US, 49418

NOV 16 Memorial Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Cook Funeral & Cremation Services - November 14, 2019 at 06:46 PM



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Cook Funeral & Cremation Services - November 14, 2019 at 06:50 PM



“ Mrs. Wells was my favorite 4H teacher and a wonderful neighbor! She was always kind and sweet whenever we saw each other. It doesn't seem that long ago that I ran into her at Meijer. Please know that all of you have our deepest sympathy in your loss. It's always hard to lose a dear mother and grandmother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bob and Kathy (Lambregtse) Knott

Kathy Knott - November 03, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ Thanks, Kathy! I remember those 4H days, too! So glad they are happy memories for you as they were for Mom.

Cindy Wells Hoffman - November 09, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ I had the wonderful pleasure of sharing activities with Maxine as she was active for many years more than I in the Grand Rapids Unit of Church Women United! I served on its Board with her for several years and had the lovely pleasure to be hosted by her and her Granddaughter in her home and in the interesting 'lodge' on The Grand

River. She arranged to have one or two yearly meetings at her beloved Grandville United Methodist Church, too!. She sat a wonderful example of being a Christian women sharing God's love with other women of various church affiliations in the greater Grand Rapids area. I count myself as very fortunate to have known her!
Noralyn Gillette

Noralyn Gillette - October 17, 2019 at 12:04 AM



“ Thank you so much, Noralyn!

Cynthia Wells Hoffman - October 23, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ On behalf of American House we want to convey our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your Mother. We want to thank you for the privilege of caring for her at Maplewood Manor. May God bless and comfort you as you grieve.

Julie Ann Mesman, American House - October 16, 2019 at 07:24 AM



“ Thank you so much, both for your condolences and for all that the staff at American House did for Mom (and Dad before he passed). You have been very caring to all of us!

Maxine's Family

Cynthia Wells Hoffman - October 23, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ I came to know Maxine and Lynn Wells when I joined the Grandville UMC about 12 years ago. They were members of the adult Sunday School class which I attended. I remember how welcoming and cheerful Maxine always was. I also enjoyed her sharp wit.

Joyce Malcolm - October 15, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ I came to know the Riddering family through Rosemary who was Maxine's younger sister, a classmate and lifelong friend. Maxine always had a friendly smile and through the years shared news keep me updated on the family. Trips to the Wells farm was always an anticipated event.

Marcia Voet - October 15, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ The first Sunday I attended church I sat behind Maxine and Lynn. They both so nice. They welcomed me, chatted with me, and Maxine asked if I would be interested in one of the women's group's. Both Lynn and Maxine will always be in my heart. Yes, I continued to sit behind them.

shirley mckenzie behr - October 15, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ Thank you, Joyce, Marcia, and Shirley! From Maxine's Family

Cynthia Wells Hoffman - October 23, 2019 at 05:31 PM