



Nellie Ione Wolgast

October 4, 1917 - July 29, 2018

Nellie Ione Wolgast, 100, of Traverse City passed away Sunday, July 29, 2018 at Bay Ridge Assisted Living Center in Traverse City.

Nellie was born on Thursday, October 4, 1917 to the late Willie and Lillie (Shannon) Collier on the family farm between Manton and Mesick. She attended Mesick Schools where she loved music and played in the high school band. Following her graduation from Mesick High School, Nellie lived and worked in Traverse City while attending the Lewis Chapin School of Business of Traverse City.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1942, Nellie married Richard Herman Wolgast at the family farm where she had been born. After she and Richard were married, they lived in Traverse City, then Cadillac, Kalkaska, Traverse City and Saginaw until finally returning permanently to Traverse City. Early in her career, Nellie was an executive secretary at Michigan Public Service and then Consumers Power Company. After she and her husband returned to Traverse City from Saginaw, she was a paralegal at Running, Wise and Wilson for many years; was a life long member of the Eastern Star and long time and active member of Central United Methodist Church. She also was active in the Consumers Power Retirees group. Nellie liked to cook, sew, do all kinds of puzzles, garden, walk, attend the exercise program at NMC and enjoyed music. Nellie loved spending time with her family and friends.

Nellie is survived by her daughter Linda and husband Jim and their family; sister-in-law Bernice Collier and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Nellie was preceded in death by her parents and husband, as well as her siblings Clarence Collier, Grace Lund, Don Collier, Carl Collier, Ella Randall and Jean Buel. The family would like to express their appreciation to the Bay Ridge Assisted Living staff for the wonderful care and friendship they provided Nellie.

No formal services are planned and interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Central United Methodist Church for the preservation of the music and organ programs, 222 Cass Street, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery

8th Street

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, 49684

Comments



“ Dear Linda and Jim, Our sincere thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy are with you at this sad time. Aunt Nellie was a wonderful, warm, intelligent and dynamic woman. She was a true example and awesome inspiration to those who were blessed to know and love her. May your many fond and priceless memories comfort you and may God bless you. With lots of love and caring. Gary and Becky

becky Collier - August 08, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ Linda, I have many fond memories of you and your folks. Growing up in the Central Methodist Church in the 50's and 60's kept us close. I remember the holiday New Year's Eve gatherings at Al and Mac Wright's house out on "the bay". What good times.

I also remember your mother's story about flunking Hospice. What a good tale. I thank God for having had you all in my life. My parents, Orm and Madge, always spoke highly of your family. Good life. Good memories. I ask God to give you HIS strength, peace and love as you venture down the path set before you. Love and Blessings. Judy Danford

Judith Danford - August 02, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ Dear Linda and Jim - Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Linda, we know that your heart is broken but we know that God's peace will comfort you.
Love - Bud & Diane

Bud Taylor - July 31, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ Aunt Nellie - A proper Lady - loving, giving, sharing. You never complained even when you were hurting. Even when your sight was failing and you would ask for someone to describe the happenings outside your window - you would smile as if they were painting a picture for you. I had the privilege to being by your side when Uncle Dick passed away. Even in your hour of grief you thanked everyone for the care they had given him and you were so thankful for the life he had provided for you and Linda . Aunt Nellie you will be missed but you lived a full life - you were able to reach that 100 mark - you were truly a strong Collier woman.

Diane - July 31, 2018 at 03:17 PM