



Wanda Mae Steffen

February 26, 1928 - March 27, 2024

Wanda Mae (Kiefer) Steffen of Bluffton, Indiana passed away on Wednesday morning, March 27, 2024. A long-time resident of Christian Care Retirement Community, she died peacefully at age of 96.

The youngest daughter of Artie and Faye (Faus) Kiefer, Wanda lived most of her life in Bluffton. She married George Roy Steffen of Bluffton, Indiana on June 1, 1946, who owned and operated Bluffton Heating and Plumbing for many years with his brothers. For 20 years, Wanda worked as bookkeeper and office manager for “the Shop” until her retirement in 1990. Wanda’s beloved husband, George, to whom she was married for 65 years, died in 2011.

As a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, Wanda served as Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School director, choir member, youth counselor, and an officer of United Methodist Women. As a long-time volunteer, Wanda worked at Caylor-Nickel Clinic, Wells County Food Bank, and the Bluffton Harrison Elementary Buddy Programs.

Wanda is survived by her two sons; Richard (Marla) of Redlands, CA, and Tom (Juli) of Sequim, WA; her two grandchildren; Aaron (Maritess) Steffen of Seattle, WA; and Anna (Bryan) Tapia of Redlands, CA, and her four great grandchildren; Noah and Jonah Steffen of Seattle, WA; and Noelle and Nora Tapia of Redlands, CA.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 2 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich Funeral Home in Bluffton with Wanda’s sons, Richard and Tom

officiating. Visitation will take place from 1 P.M. until the time of service.

Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers that you consider memorial donations to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Steffen family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda Mae Steffen*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 01, 2024 at 05:16 PM

TW

“ *What a sweet wonderful lady! She lived a loyal life to Christ and charitable organizations. It was pleasant to chat with her at Christian Care. Our sympathy to Tom, Julie and other family members. Gary and Terri Worden*

Terri worden - April 04, 2024 at 08:59 PM

“ My dear Wanda Mae,

Such a life you were blessed with, and you lived it with grace and love, truly making all peoples your neighbor. I was witnessed to have seen so so many times you live out your faith in your everyday life. And what that meant for me to see as I was learning more about how to grow in Christ was special and live changing.

You entered my live when I was a new believer and entered Epworth for the first time. And from that point was blessed countless times by you and George providing me the mentorship. For God knew I so needed those times in fellowship to deepen and grow my faith. You both were so instrumental in making endless efforts in always including me in your lives and the life of the church. We spent so many meals together in fellowship and love, and in parting from those times together I would having a renewed belief in the goodness of people and the greatness of our God.

Wanda would love to tell others how often when we were out that many would ask if I was her son... and she would say 'no, but he is like our son'. And for me, it was such an honor for her to answer that way.

I can remember in my youth, growing up and believing there was no such thing as a marriage that could be filled with a lifetime of love for each other.... And then I met you and George, and my life was forever changed. I finally witnessed and learned that it was possible to have a lifetime of love in marriage. You would tell me over and over how blessed you and George was in your lives, with your boys and their lives, along with the blessings of having the Lord in your lives.

I have been so blessed to have had those years of mentorship and love at such an important time in my life. And I know there are so many others whom lives were impacted by that same grace and love. You, my dear Wanda, will live on in my thoughts forever, and I

rejoice with the angels in singing Halleluiah.

Shane - April 01, 2024 at 11:06 AM

VJ

“ *What an influence Wanda was on my young life as one of my Bible School teachers! Our bond lasted through the years and we even emailed some after she went to Christian Care. Precious memories. Wishing Tom, Dick and your families God's comfort in the days ahead. We'll all miss her. Valerie Wilson Jackson (and Stan)*

Valerie Jackson - April 01, 2024 at 03:44 AM

MF

“ *Dick and Tom, Your parents were tremendous folks. I am grateful for them allowing the neighborhood kids to have pickup football games in their yard. They were nice enough to allow me to practice punting in their yard. I will never forget their kindness. Mike Falk*

Mike Falk - March 30, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *110 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - March 30, 2024 at 02:50 PM

ED

“ Ed Dunsmore lit a candle in memory of Wanda Steffen



Ed Dunsmore - March 29, 2024 at 01:22 PM

LD

“ Lisa Dillon sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda Steffen



Lisa Dillon - March 29, 2024 at 12:34 PM

LD

“ Lisa Dillon lit a candle in memory of Wanda Steffen



Lisa Dillon - March 29, 2024 at 12:33 PM

BC

“ Bill Donna Kiefer in California lit a candle in memory of Wanda Steffen



Bill & Donna Kiefer in California - March 28, 2024 at 09:49 PM

PP

“ Peggy Paxson lit a candle in memory of Wanda Steffen



Peggy Paxson - March 28, 2024 at 09:20 PM

AK

“ I met Wanda at Christian Care when visiting residents there. My friend Kathy and I visited from time to time and enjoyed talking to her about Jesus, church, and her family. She had a strong faith. Although I have never met any of her family, I heard about you as she shared stories about you. She was very proud of her family. May the Lord comfort all of you.

Angie Klarke - March 28, 2024 at 07:07 PM

NM

“ Such a sweet Christian Lady. When I was going through an illness and the loss of my beloved sister at the same time about 10 years ago Wanda was very caring and called a few times to check on me. It seems as if I've known her all of my life. May God grant you many special memories and give you HIS peace.

Nolan and Suzanne Markley - March 28, 2024 at 03:04 PM



Thank you for your thoughts.
Richard and Marla Steffen

Marla Steffen - March 28, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Mae Steffen.



March 28, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ Mr & Mrs Jerry Steffen Barbara & Scheryl purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wanda Mae Steffen.



Mr & Mrs Jerry Steffen Barbara & Scheryl - March 28, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ Dear Dick and Tom and Families we are so very Sad to hear about the passing of your Mother Wanda! All of our Prayers are with u a as u all Grieve your loss of a Dear Mother and a Saint! 🙏🙏🙏 May God give u all Grace, Peace, and Comfort at this time! Wanda was a very Special Lady in the lives of the Crosbie Family we Loved her so very much! She was a Great Christian woman and a sweet soul inside and out! God Bless the Steffen Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen! 🙏❤️🙏



Barry Crosbie - March 28, 2024 at 12:11 AM



Thank you for your message and thoughts for our Mom. Richard and Marla

Marla Steffen - March 28, 2024 at 06:52 PM

BC

No Thank u guys it was a Priveledge and Honor to know Wanda, George and the Steffen Family! ❤️

Barry Crosbie - April 01, 2024 at 09:58 AM

AL

“ *Alan& lutz lit a candle in memory of Wanda Steffen*



Alan& Maria lutz - March 27, 2024 at 04:27 PM