



Wanda Collen Reece

February 8, 1932 - December 29, 2020

Wanda Colleen Reece, age 88, a resident of Arbor Terrace in Naperville, IL and a former longtime resident of Waterloo, IA, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2020. She was born on February 8, 1932 in Benedict, Kansas.

Wanda is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years, Carroll Kent Reece; her loving sons, David Kent Reece and John Allen Reece, his wife Cathy Reece, her cherished grandchildren: Trevor Reece, Ashden Reece Berisha, Brittany Reece, David J. Reece, and great grandchild Lincoln E. Berisha.

She was preceded in death by her sister Laura Wing Brown and her parents Donna and Paul Wing.

Biography: Wanda grew up on her parents' farm in Benedict, Kansas. She was a member of the 4H and learned to play the piano at a very early age. She met her future husband Kent who was from nearby Chanute, Kansas. They were married December 30, 1952 prior to Kent leaving for active duty in Korea. During his absence, Wanda worked as a dental assistant. Kent graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering (now Mechanical Engineering) and was hired by John Deere in Waterloo, Iowa. Kent and Wanda lived in Cedar Falls and then Waterloo, Iowa for over 60 years. Wanda taught piano for over 65 years, up until the age of 80. Later in life, she also obtained her undergraduate degree in Interior

Design from the University of Northern Iowa.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 12:30 PM at the Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer that donations be made in Wanda's name to the Waterloo Symphony (wcfssymphony) at www.wcfssymphony.org. Graveside services will be held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Chanute, Kansas at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 8th, 2021. A short ceremony will be held. Final services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley Cemetery

16200 Viola Rd
Altoona, KS 66710

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kent, My sincere condolences. I will miss hearing from her. She was a really great friend. Barbara Richardson (Pittman)

Barbara Pittman - January 08, 2021 at 02:14 PM

JM

“ Dear Kent, David, John and families, Sincere condolences to each of you as you grieve the loss of Wanda Colleen Reece. Please know many friends have missed her these past few years already. She was also a member of my PEO Chapter LK of Cedar Falls. I thoroughly enjoyed her friendship at those meetings and get togethers. First off, Wanda always came impeccably dressed in gorgeous apparel. She was the point leader to start us off on the proper note to sing our little opening song and whenever musical accompaniment was necessary we got to hear her stroke those piano keys. It was endearing to hear her excuse herself towards the close of our afternoon gatherings as “she had a student coming to the house for a lesson.” Wanda was always willing to share a program with our group and I recall a few of them fondly. One was entitled “Who In the World Is George Sand?” Being a women’s educational group it seemed odd we’d be hearing a report on any male. Alas, George Sand was a French novelist and good friend of Chopin’s! Another year we were hearing programs about our family or hometown so she shared her Wing family history. Still other times Wanda would share musical programs or assist a PEO Sister with musical themes. Wanda was a remarkable woman, I am glad to have shared in knowing her and will cherish my memories of her. May your Christian faith uphold you through these days ahead, the love of family, support of friends and fond memories flood your hearts with comfort.



Joan Krafka Meany - January 04, 2021 at 02:55 PM

KJ

“ Kent, we are thinking of you, John, David and their families at this sad time. Wanda was a lovely and talented lady admired by so many. I'm glad she was our friend.

Love, Kay & Willard Jenkins

Kay & Willard Jenkins - January 04, 2021 at 12:46 PM