



Alice M. Wellen

December 8, 1929 - December 19, 2024

Alice M. Wellen, age 95 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, December 19, 2024, at San Gabriel Memory Care in Highland, IL.

She was born on Sunday, December 8, 1929, in Bartelso, IL, the daughter of George and Lucy (nee Meyer) Beckmann.

On Tuesday, October 17, 1950, she married John A. Wellen, who passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Quilting Circle, Auxiliary to VFW Post 5694; former member of Madison County Home Extension-Marine Circle for 20 years, and Adoration Society at St. Joseph Hospital.

Alice was born and raised on a farm in Bartelso, Illinois with (7) siblings. At age 14, she went to work at Mother of Good Counsel (a senior home), in St. Louis where they hired young girls and gave them room and board. Then she worked at a shoe factory and a garment factory. She married John Wellen on October 17, 1950. When she was first married, she worked at Basler Electric. When John was drafted to the Korean War, She followed him to boot-camp and then later, lived with her sister and brother-in-law. After the war, they started a family that grew to seven children. She wasn't the conventional housewife of the times in that she enjoyed working with John in farming and

house building. She handled all of the finances, designing, and paperwork as well as her share of the physical labor. A lot of Highlanders will remember her dedication to detail on Wellen-built houses. She worked into her 80's with her sons on houses as well as helping all of her children with many home projects. She was a member of St. Paul Church since 1950. She enjoyed embroidering and quilting and was a member for many years of the St. Paul quilting ladies. Her quilts probably number into the hundreds. She enjoyed taking trips and even got to go to Tunica and Las Vegas for her 90th birthday. She would always say that she wasn't lucky, but we all knew how lucky we were to have her in our lives.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Linda L. (Steven) Heimsath, Pocahontas, IL

Son - Mark J. (Tamra) Wellen, Highland, IL

Son - Larry G. (Mary Ann) Wellen, Highland, IL

Daughter - Mary Rose (Dan) Hogan, Springfield, IL

Daughter - Lisa M. (Joseph) Brinker, Highland, IL

Son - Scott J. (Tracy) Wellen, Highland, IL

Son - Jon N. (Teresa) Wellen, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kenny S. (Cynthia) Heimsath

Grandchild - Amber E. (Stan) Krzystyniak

Grandchild - Anthony J. "Tony" (Fiancee Ashley Zurliene) Heimsath

Grandchild - Kyle T. Heimsath

Grandchild - Corey A. Heimsath

Grandchild - Michael J. Wellen

Grandchild - Ashely N. (Cameron) Singler

Grandchild - Laura E. (Zach) Knebel

Grandchild - Joe D. Wellen

Grandchild - Danielle R. (David) Snediger

Grandchild - Allison A. "Allie" (Ian) McDonald

Grandchild - Nicole C. "Nikki" (Fiance Ryan Pendleton) Hogan

Grandchild - Hunter T. (Julie) Hogan
Grandchild - Katelyn R. "Katie" Brinker
Grandchild - Rory J. Brinker
Grandchild - Grant S. Brinker
Grandchild - Kelsey L. (Brandon) Frerker
Grandchild - Zach S. Wellen
Grandchild - Blake A. Wellen
Grandchild - Brittani S. Wellen
Grandchild - Olivia D. (Colton) Burleson
Grandchild - Haylee (Casey) Province
Grandchild - Vanessa Wellen
Grandchild - Nicholas Wellen
Grandchild - Brenten Schneck
Grandchild - Breana (Josh) Jackson
Grandchild - Baylee (Austin) Bush
Grandchild - Eric J. Lengermann
Great Grandchild - Numerous
Sister - Lucille Loepker
Sister-In-Law - Dolores Talleur
Brother-In-Law - Jerry Sparlin

She was preceded in death by:

Father - George H. Beckmann died 2/6/1984
Mother - Lucy Mathilda Beckmann nee Meyer died 12/9/1968
Husband - John A. Wellen died 7/17/2014
Son - Terrance Joseph Wellen at 7 days old - 1963
Sister - Eleanor Lengermann died 2013
Sister - Rita Hemker died 2008
Sister - Dorothy Pollmann
Brother - William Beckmann died 2006

Brother - Frank Beckmann died 2003

Brother - Alvin Beckmann died 2017

Brother-In-Law and Spouse - George and Bernice Wellen

Sister-In-Law and Spouse - Bernice and Virgil Richter

Sister-In-Law and Spouse - Rosemary and Norman Meyer

Sister-In-Law - Bernadette C. Sparlin died 1/12/2014

Sister-In-Law and Spouse - Theresa and Emmett Caroll

Brother-In-Law and spouse - Aloysius "Al" and Bernice Wellen

Brother-In-Law - Alphonse Pollman

Brother-In-Law - Wendell Loepker

Brother-In-Law - Vince Hemker

Sister-In-Law - Frances Beckmann

Sister-In-Law - Christine Beckmann

Brother-In-Law - Tony Lengermann, Highland, IL

Brother-in-Law - Paul Talleur

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, December 23, 2024, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 23, 2024, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Paul School Educational Foundation or HACSM (Highland Area Christian Service Ministry)

Cemetery Details

Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Michael Road
Highland, IL 62249

Previous Events

Morning Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

St Paul Catholic Church- Trinity Hall
1411 Main St
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2339

Funeral Mass

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (cst)

St Paul Catholic Church
1411 Main St
Highland, IL 62249
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Tribute Wall



“ We are all very sorry for your loss. Aunt Alice was a very warm , loving and caring person. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. TOM , SANDY , JENNA , AND ZACHARY HEMKER

TOM HEMKER - December 22, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alice M. Wellen.

December 21, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ Patricia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice M. Wellen.

Patricia H. - December 21, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Alice M. Wellen.



December 21, 2024 at 11:11 AM

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“ Aunt Alice was a lovely lady very strong yet so nice. I enjoyed going to her and Uncle John's farm playing with Lisa and swimming in the pond and maybe even getting a ride on a Mini bike..so fun. Also I loved their barn and hay loft. Such good memories and a great family to share with. I live in Ohio and will not be able to make it to the funeral. My love and prayers are with all of the family. I am so sorry for your loss, Karen Meyer Knowles and family.

Karen Meyer Knowles - December 21, 2024 at 09:46 AM

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“ To Mary Rose, Dan, and the whole Wellen Family: So sorry to hear of the passing away of dear Alice Wellen. We will offer our Sunday Mass for her and the family. I will arrive in Highland Tuesday so, regretfully, may miss the visitation and funeral but be assured, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the Blessings of Christmas bring you some Joy. Tim & Tracy Luber, Flower Mound Texas

Tim and Tracy Luber - December 21, 2024 at 09:34 AM