



Bernice A. Wellen

May 1, 1924 - October 29, 2021

Bernice Ann (nee Walter) Wellen, 97, of Highland, IL peacefully passed away on October 29, 2021, in her home of natural causes with her family by her side.

She was born May 1, 1924 on a farm south of Highland, IL to Nelson F. and Leona M. (nee Meyer) Walter. Bernice was a member of St. Paul Catholic Parish and attended St. Paul Catholic school. In March of 1936, her family moved to a farm east of Highland in Bond County.

Bernice had 5 brothers: Cletus, Raymond, Warren, Russell and Melvin. On June 2, 1943, she was united in marriage to Aloysius Wellen of near Pierron, IL at St. Paul Catholic Church. They made their home in Highland, IL. In March of 1946, Al began his business in washer sales and service, and owned and operated laundromats in multiple locations. In a period of over 18 years they had 5 children: Kenneth, Dale, Connie, Gary and Robert.

She kept busy caring for her children, running the household, and supporting the family business. They sold their Maytag sales and service business to son, Dale in 1975. By 1982, all children were out of the house and on their own. In February 1985, they sold their laundromats and retired to enjoy traveling in their RV.

Husband Al passed away on April 30, 2008 just shy of their 65th wedding anniversary. Bernice continued on with her quilting, card playing, tending her flowers, and enjoying her friends, neighbors, and family for another 13 years, reaching the beautiful age of 97. She has seen many changes in her life and told wonderful stories about those experiences. We will all miss her beautiful smile, wit and gracious manner.

She is survived by her daughter in-law Betty Wellen (Kenneth A. Wellen deceased 2020) of Mesa, Arizona; son Dale P. (Shirley) Wellen of Highland, IL; daughter Connie J. Wellen of San Francisco, CA; son Gary P. (Lisa) Wellen of Lahaina, Hawaii; and son Robert J. (Katherine) Wellen of Union, Maine. Grandchildren: Darrell J. (Susanne) Wellen of Texas; Keith J. (Kim) Wellen of CA; Matthew P. Wellen of CA; step-grandchildren: Tyler Berg of CA; and Steven Berg of Japan. Great-Grandchildren: Carley Ann and Brayden J. Wellen of CA; and John and Brooke Wellen of Texas; brothers: Melvin Walter of Highland, IL and Russ (Ruth) Walter of CA.

A Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Pierron, IL with Father Piotr Kosk, Parochial Vicar of St. Paul Catholic Church as celebrant. The family will greet those attending the Mass, immediately after the service.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Paul Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Highland, IL

Tribute Wall



“ I have lived away from Highland for 32 years now. But I have found memories of growing up in Highland with Aunt Bernice and Uncle Al. Aunt Bernice was always kind when she saw me and had a beautiful grace about her. She not only was married to my Mom Rosemary Meyer's Brother but a First cousin of my Dad Norman Meyer..we were double blessed. My prayers of comfort and peace go out to my cousins and their families. Rest in peace Sweet Aunt Bernice. Love, Karen Meyer Knowles and Family.

Karen Meyer Knowles - November 05, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice A. Wellen.



November 04, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Our sympathy to the Wellen Family. Our wonderful neighbor on Faith Drive, she was loved by all in the community, enjoyed our visits across our back yards!

Linda and Morris Zobrist - November 02, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ We are so sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wellen Family. Bernice and AL were wonderful neighbors. If we needed anything they were there to help. I used to go over there and sit with them on there back porch. Love you Bernice.

Kathy Walker - November 01, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss My mom Laura Walter always loved spending time with her*
Mindy Jacobson

Mindy Jacobson - November 01, 2021 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Thank you Mom for all of your love and for the gift of your son Dale, we love you*

Shirley Wellen - November 01, 2021 at 12:56 PM