



Myrna M. Wedekind

January 19, 1932 - November 24, 2022

Myrna "Maxine" (nee Thacker) Wedekind, age 90, formerly of Cedarhurst, Highland, IL passed away Thursday, November 24, 2022. She was a graduate of Mulberry Grove High School and went to work at Bradford Bank in Greenville, IL. Soon after, she married Duane M. Wedekind. She and Duane lived in Greenville IL, Indianapolis, IN and Belleville IL, for a time before returning to Illinois to reside in Highland, IL. with their three children. Maxine and Duane worked together at Piggly Wiggly, where she worked both as a cashier and in the bakery department while Duane worked as a meat cutter, then store manager. Maxine and Duane continued to work side by side when she supported his dream of becoming a self-employed business owner and purchased the family run, Polar Ice Chest.

Upon Duane's death in 1987, Maxine worked a number of years on the square at Frey's Shoe Store and delighted in seeing children return year after year for their new school shoes. Maxine was a long-time member of the First Congregational Church and an active member of the Dorcas Women's Fellowship. Max was an avid bowler, with an average many envied. She was an accomplished seamstress and also enjoyed creating all sorts of crafts for the holidays and home. Maxine expressed her love of family through food...holiday gatherings on Cypress Street were bounties full of savory favorites and many good times were had devouring MFC on warm summer days at the lake with family and friends. Maxine was a kind, loving and strong woman whose contagious laugh, mischievous grin, and quick wit touched all she encountered. She was a beloved member of the community and will be greatly missed.

Preceded in death by: her parents, Pete and Nola Thacker; husband, Duane Wedekind; and brother, Carroll Thacker. She is survived by: her brother, Gerald (Judy)Thacker; children, Michael Wedekind, Carla "Kim" Wedekind, and Kay "Katie" (Mark) Clark; grandsons, Ryan (Megan) Wedekind, Christian Wedekind, Tyler Albertson, and Connor Albertson; great grandsons, Jesse Wedekind, Abby Mulcahy and Kyson Albertson; as well as a great number of in-laws, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family will receive friends for Visitation from 9:00 am - 11:00 am on Friday, December

9, 2022, at the First Congregational Church, 801 Washington Street, Highland, IL.

Immediately following, please join us in celebrating her life with a service at 11:00 am, also at the First Congregational Church. Graveside Service will be held in Greenville, IL at Mount Auburn Cemetery at approximately 1:30 pm.

If desired, friends may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://act.alz.org/donate>.

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Auburn Cemetery

Greenville, IL

Tribute Wall

“ Remembrance of Maxine by her SIL, Judy

They say "when you marry a spouse, you marry the whole family." Well, I couldn't have been luckier in 1979!

Being the oldest of 5 sisters, I always wished for an OLDER sister. Well that wish was fulfilled by Maxine 44 years ago.

There were so many happy times spent with Max.

My most vivid memory is the 2 weeks she, Gerald, and I spent together touring several European countries.

We had just arrived in France and Ger dropped us off at a Paris park while he parked the car. Of course, she and I just took off right away to see what was going on in the little outdoor shops nearby.

We were drawn to these large tote bags with Paris embroidered on them. I spoke a little broken college French to the seller telling him we had just arrived from America. We each paid for our bag, then he said "bienvenue" (welcome) and kissed me on each cheek. As we walked away, Maxine said to me, with that mischievous twinkle in her eye, "Boy, you're in Paris for 1 hour and a Frenchman is already kissing you!"

Of course, she wasted no time telling her brother, Gerald, about our great purchase and the "French kiss."

Our vacations were always enhanced by including her in our travel plans not just to Europe but in Hawaii, California, Illinois, Missouri, and Texas.

She always was impeccably dressed with just the right amount of jewelry accents. I always wondered how she got all those coordinated outfits in ONE suitcase!

She had a thirst for learning, meeting new people, and seeing new sites. And, of course, we had to hit every shopping venue within a 20 mile radius of wherever we were!

She always had a quick quip at the ready and the word "stranger" just wasn't in her vocabulary. She would strike a conversation with anyone.

When she met our 2 year old grandson she was an immediate second Grandma to him.

Whenever we visited her home we could always depend on home cooked meals and lively cheerful conversation...until tv time and a nap in her recliner.

Her midwestern charm, zest for life, kindness, and sassy sense of humor will be missed by so many.

May she rest in Paradise with God and feel the welcoming arms of her loved ones in Heaven.

JUDY THACKER - December 19, 2022 at 07:20 PM

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“ *My condolences to you and your family, Carla. Blessings.*



Anne Seidensticker - December 06, 2022 at 12:47 PM

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“ *My condolences to you and your family, Carla. What a special lady she must have been!*

Anne Seidensticker - December 06, 2022 at 12:45 PM

BA

“ *As a fellow church member, I have fond memories of Maxine. Always had a smile to share & a great sense of humor. She was a wonderful person! My deepest sympathy to her family. Bev Wilcox*



Beverly awilcox - December 04, 2022 at 04:07 PM

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“ *I was blessed to have known Max, as we lovingly called her, during my employment at Cedarhurst in Highland. She was one of my favorite Residents, and I'm so happy to have known her. She was very special to me, and I'll cherish her memory. My deepest condolences to her family.*



Angel Warnecke - December 02, 2022 at 08:54 PM

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“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Myrna Wedekind*



Rita Rinderer - December 02, 2022 at 07:51 PM