



Wanda R. Sievers

September 6, 1925 - June 11, 2020

Wanda Sievers, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Private family services will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. To watch the live stream of the funeral, please use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83953783297>. Burial will be in the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Wanda Rose Sievers, the daughter of Harry B. and Carrie (Tramm) Sievers, was born on September 6, 1925 in Walnut, Iowa. As an infant, she was baptized at the Walnut Presbyterian Church and she eventually became a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake.

Growing up, Wanda attended school in Walnut and graduated from Walnut High School in 1943. She then attended the University of Northern Iowa and earned her bachelor's degree in 1952. She then furthered her education at the University of Northern Colorado and earned her master's degree in 1958.

After her schooling, Wanda went on to teach for 41 years in the state of Iowa. She spent 33 years teaching in Storm Lake, mostly spent teaching 6th grade. Wanda retired in May of 1986.

Wanda was an active member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake as well as an active member of her community. Wanda was involved in PEO, Delphian Club, St. Mark Choir for 40 years, Priscilla and Sarah Circles, Witter Art Gallery, life member of the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, NEA and ISEA Educational Organizations, Library Friends, Storm Lake Music Boosters/Crescendo Club, Dollars for Scholars, and Okoboji Bible Camp.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two nieces, Ann Sievers and Pam Ireland; five great nieces and nephews: Bryan Simonsen, Kendal Osbahr, Elly Whaley, Cynthia (Hoover) Leonard, and Shelley Hoover; extended family and friends.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Hubert "Bud" Sievers, Melvin "Bill" (Ardelle) Sievers, and Wallace (Betty) Sievers; an infant sister; nieces: Jean Hoover and Phyllis Giboyeaux; and great-nephew, Mark Hoover.

Cemetery

Layton Township Cemetery

51000 Westgate Road

Walnut, IA, 51577

Comments



“ My husband had Wanda as a teacher and they also knew each other through church when he was growing up. When we moved here to raise our family, she and Heleen took an interest in our kids, sending them encouraging notes and treat coupons when they knew something special was going on in their lives. Wanda kept up with us even as she was getting on in years. Such a sweet, thoughtful lady!

Rachel Nicholson - June 22 at 02:37 PM



“ I've known Miss Sievers for nearly 60 years. She was my sixth grade teacher at West School. Years later, I was fortunate to be her sixth grade co-worker at West School. I learned so much from her. When mom moved into Otsego Place, I was able to see Wanda there. She always brought a smile to my face. What a kind, lovely lady. May she Rest In Peace.

Dave Petersen - June 20 at 08:08 AM



“ Miss Sievers was the very best teacher anyone could have. Her students adored her. I always loved how she read to us after lunch. When I was employed at Citizens Bank, I was the coordinator for our senior club members. We took several bus trips, and on one special trip, Wanda and Heleen joined me. After our lunch break I always would read from Paul Harvey's short stories. I mentioned to our group that my former 6th grade teacher used to read to me, and now I am reading to her. It was a great moment. I will forever be grateful for my favorite teacher. I am fortunate to have known her.

Carol Bertram - June 19 at 08:27 PM



“ Wanda was the baby sister in a family of boys. She came along a whopping 14 years after the youngest son - my dad, Wallace. She held a special place in that family. Dad moved to CT after college and we grew up there, so our times with Dad's family were limited, but Wanda's and Heleen loved to travel. Their visits to CT were always special and fun, as were ours to Iowa. Wanda and Heleen were the kind of teachers everyone should be lucky enough to have. They always lit up so brightly whenever talking about their students, many of whom were like extended family and stayed in touch with them for decades. I am sure Heleen is showing Wanda the ropes in heaven, and I know my dad was one of the first to greet his baby sister with a hug. RIP Aunt Wanda.

Pam (Sievers) Ireland - June 18 at 03:05 PM



“ When we moved to Storm Lake in 1964, we went to church at st. Mark's Lutheran Church and got acquainted with Wanda and Heleen. They kind of took us under their wings and when our third daughter, Jane, was born they took a special interest in her too and did some babysitting with her.

we did spend a lot of time with them back and forth especially playing bridge and we were in bridge clubs with them.

it seems hard to think that she is now gone along with many of the other folks that we played cards with over the years. I guess that's what goes with old age! I bet she is in heaven now with Heleen. And I wouldn't be surprised but they've got a bridge foursome going that includes Lois.

Howard Hatlelid - June 16 at 01:04 AM



“ News of Miss Sievers passing has been quickly moving around the country as we former students share the information about a favorite teacher. She was famous for reading aloud The 21 Balloons to her 6th grade classes at West School. That book has been passed down to children and grandchildren as a wonderful adventure story that stimulates the imagination. My daughter is currently reading it to her young sons, and whenever I see that book I fondly remember Miss Sievers.

Jeanne Saathoff Gregg
Morgan Hill, CA

Jeanne Gregg - June 14 at 01:57 PM



“ Wanda was a great teacher, my friend and bridge club player and church friend. I enjoyed many happy times with her. She was also my son, Michael's 7th grade teacher.

I send my sympathy so all of her family and friends.
Isabell Wegner

Isabell Wegner - June 14 at 12:41 PM



“ My sixth grade teacher at West School. She was such a great teacher. I had the privilege of seeing and and talking with her about a year ago. Thank you, Miss Sievers! RIP.

Audrey Carpenter - June 14 at 10:16 AM



“ Wanda Sievers was a wonderful teacher. I can barely picture my other grade school teachers, but I can picture her well. I can remember some specific lessons. Beyond academics, she inspired us with her kindness and by the trust she placed in us. She touched hundreds of lives in a positive way and was well loved. Wendy Edson Cooke

wendy e cooke - June 14 at 09:18 AM



“ Miss Sievers was also my 6th grade teacher at West School. When we visited my mom at Otsego I would always look her up. Sometimes we could have lunch with her. She was a great teacher and person. She will be missed.

Brian Weiland - June 14 at 08:27 AM



“ She was my 6th grade teacher at West and my neighbor. Loved both Wanda and Helene. I had reached out to her a few years ago and we corresponded for a while. I thought of her often. She was a great teacher. RIP

Lyn (Loomis) Wheatley - June 13 at 11:33 PM



“ So sorry to hear this! She was my 6th grade teacher and was the best! She remembered me and my siblings and was such a sweet lady when I visited my mom in Otsego Place. Condolences!

Lori Tittle - June 13 at 10:45 PM



“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Wanda R. Sievers



John/Connie Demers - June 13 at 10:22 PM



“ Wonderful teacher to so many! Lots of fond memories on 6th grades because of her. I actually had a chance to catch up with her and Mr. Kearney a few years back when I was visiting my grandma. It was so nice to see both of them and catch up!

Beth Owen Manthe - June 13 at 09:48 PM



“ One of the best teachers I had. My mom Charlotte Johnson helped Helene and Wanda in their home for many years. Enjoyed visiting with both of them. My sympathy to the family

Patricia Kitby - June 13 at 08:53 PM



“ Miss Sievers was my 6th grade teacher at West School. We also are both members of Saint Mark Lutheran Church so have seen each other over the years. I am so glad I visited her recently at Methodist Manor. She was a great teacher and a wonderful lady. Rest In Peace Miss Sievers.

Jennifer Thompson - June 13 at 06:47 PM



“ "Miss Sievers" was my beloved sixth-grade teacher at West School. I remember her so well. My favorite part of the day was when she read stories to us, a chapter at a time. One of my favorites was "The Twenty-One Balloons"---years later I gave a copy to my oldest grandson when we took him to the balloon festival. Miss Sievers was more than just a good teacher. She was aware of all the emotional upheaval that can take place in the lives of sixth-graders. I remember her taking all the girls aside one recess to talk about the importance of kindness, and of not leaving anyone out. I enjoyed exchanging Christmas cards with her in recent years, and I so enjoyed the visits when I was in Storm Lake. Of course, I am wishing now that those visits had been more frequent. She was a great lady, and I am so sorry to hear that she is gone. She will certainly live in my memory, and in the memories of so many others that she taught.

Liz Block - June 13 at 03:25 PM



“ Deb Starr lit a candle in memory of Wanda R. Sievers



deb starr - June 13 at 01:52 PM



“ Rest in Heaven, Miss Sievers! A wonderful teacher and such a caring person!

Barb Anderson Murphy - June 13 at 11:36 AM



“ She was my 6th grade teacher at West School..she was a great teacher and loved all her children...she still remembered me years later. Rest in peace Miss..Sievers



Jennifer Peters - June 12 at 05:09 PM



“ Wanda was a faithful longtime member of St. Mark Lutheran Church along with her friend Heleen Nielsen. That was how our family became acquainted with both of them. Great ladies & great memories.

Gladys Eddie - June 13 at 11:45 AM



“ Miss Sievers was also my 6th grade teacher at West School. She was a great lady and teacher. I would go see her at Otsego when I was there visiting my mom. I enjoyed eating lunch with her. She was one of my favorite teachers.

Brian Weiland - June 13 at 08:24 PM



“ I wasn't in Miss Sievers' classroom but she just seemed to take all the West school students under her wing and always remembered them. Such a great lady and great example of kindness and friendliness for all to emulate!

Marne Krupke Barker

Marne Barker - June 16 at 02:52 PM