



Erma M. Steiner

December 12, 1926 - August 12, 2020

Erma (Meents) Janssen Steiner, 93, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Formerly of Milford and Cissna Park, she was residing at the Iroquois Resident Home in Watseka when she was called to her heavenly home with prayers of her loved ones surrounding her.

Erma was the sixth child of Fred and Marie (Classen) Meents, born on December 12, 1926. She was baptized at the home of her maternal grandparents prior to the funeral of her mother. She was raised by her eldest paternal aunt, Marie (John) Klumker.

She married Edwin Janssen of Milford on March 14, 1948 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death in 1981. To their marriage three children were born. Surviving are son, Wayne (Sue) Janssen of Watseka; daughter, Sharon (Charles) Crow of Danville; and daughter-in-law, Sara Janssen of Milford. Her son, Darrell Janssen preceded her in death in 2017. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Aimee (Greg) Robinson, Nathan (Heather) Janssen, Carmine (John) Dwyer, Jeanette (John) Conrad, Julie (Uzi) Ashkenazi, and Alex (Tara) Janssen. She has 12 great-grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 10 step-great-grandchildren, and one step-sister, Lois (Jerry) Vogel.

She married Raymond Steiner Sr. on July 31, 1988 at the Loda Lutheran Church in Loda. He preceded her in death in 2011. She is survived by two step-children, Sharon (Ray) Knake and Raymond (Lois) Steiner Jr. She was preceded in death by one step-daughter, Diane.

Also preceding her in death were her brother, Wilfred (Marie) Meents and sisters, Mae, Ethel, Gertrude (Orval) Peters, Mildred (Vincent) Voigt, and Helen Burrige.

Erma spent many years teaching Sunday School and VBS at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford. She looked forward to attending and volunteering at the Iroquois Co. Fair. She enjoyed square dancing and traveling. She spent hours crocheting, making sure each newborn grandchild received a special blanket, and that numerous church bazaars had a

stock of her handiwork. Her faith was obvious as one could often hear her humming her favorite hymns. She knew hundreds of them as evidenced by the shelves of hymnals she collected and cross referenced. She was an avid reader.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until the 1:30 pm funeral service on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Watseka. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Milford.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by the Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka.

Please share a memory of Erma at knappfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery

Milford, IL, 60953

Events

AUG **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:30PM

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Calvary Lutheran Church

120 E. Hickory St., Watseka, IL, US

AUG **Funeral Service** 01:30PM

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Comments



“ Wayne: Very sorry to learn of your mothers passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and other members of your family. John & Peg Meents, Jenera, Ohio

John Meents - August 17, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ I was sorry to see Erma's passing. So many of my childhood memories are connected with your family and the fun times we shared especially those camping trips. I know you were glad to have her with you for so many years but that does not mean you will miss her any less. My deepest sympathy at your loss and may your memories keep her in your heart forever.

Connie Hofer - August 17, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Lots of happy memories bowling with your folks at CP Bowl,(many years ago).

Also enjoyed visiting with her at Kingdon Gardens.

Our sympathy,
Bob and Delores Butzow

Delores Butzow - August 17, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ Condolences to the family may her legacy be passed forward for years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Cathy and Lyonel Leonard - August 16, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Our condolences to her family. She will truly be missed by many I’m sure. May you Rest In Peace Erma! Give my Momma a hug for me!



Sheila Wilken and Family - August 14, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Henry Appel lit a candle in memory of Erma M. Steiner



Henry Appel - August 14, 2020 at 08:26 AM