



Erma J. Wiszmann

October 3, 1930 - December 3, 2024

A Mass of Christian Burial for Erma was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Exeter, Nebraska with Father Brendan Kelly presiding.

Praying of the Rosary was held prior to the Mass with Father Brendan Kelly leading the Rosary.

Agnes Anderson was the organist and Karen Filipi was the cantor. They hymns included "How Great Thou Art," "Mother Dear O Pray For Me," "Panic Angelicus," and "Going Home."

Pallbearers included Jim Ickes, Pat Ickes, Mike Wiszmann, Dan Goergen, and Ed Goergen.

Graveside Services were held following the Funeral Mass at the Exeter Cemetery in Exeter, Nebraska.

Memorials may be directed to St. Stephen Catholic Church or Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral.

Erma Jean Wiszmann, age 94, of Davenport, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at Oakwood Gardens of Ridgecrest Village in Davenport, Iowa. Erma was born to Mathias and Hermina (Krejci) Wiszmann, the sixth of seven children, on October 3, 1930.

Erma graduated from Exeter Public High School in May 1948. She then moved to Davenport, Iowa and was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in October 1948. After the Bell System divestiture, Erma continued her employment, working for AT&T from 1984 through October 1995.

During her working years within the telephone industry, Erma became a union activist for 40 years, serving 25 years as the local union president.

While never attaining a college degree, she attended many labor schools and various college courses. Erma became a voracious reader of fiction, politics, archeology, social justice, and adventure.

As a union and community activist, Erma served on various community boards and commissions. In addition, Erma had several interests. She participated in several archeological digs and tours of discovery. Erma also volunteered at The Wapsi River Environmental Education Center. She loved traveling to have a better understanding of all facets of culture and scenic wonders. She enjoyed walking and hiking.

After retiring, Erma became involved in volunteer work. Her priority was tutoring in elementary schools. She spent many years in Junior Achievement as a consultant. She also spent volunteer time at the Wapsi Nature Center as a host or interpreter for groups of school children. A proud achievement for Erma was to get her courage to handle the Fox snake when helping with programs at the nature center. Other volunteer work was with the Catholic Diocese of Davenport and The United Way.

Erma was a member of many organizations: Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral, Communications Workers of America, the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center, and the Democratic Party. Erma was a Union Member and a PROUD Democrat!

Erma was never one to resist the opportunity for offering advice. Her final advice to everyone: "Make lifetime learning a habit. Learn about and study issues and the needs around you!!!!"

Preceding Erma in death were her mother and father; her brothers James and Harold; her sisters Mary Francis Wiszmann, Ruth Wiszmann Goergen and Leona Wiszmann Ickes.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Bud and Alice Wiszmann and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Stephen Catholic Church
207 N Union Ave
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-5581

Rosary

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service Livestream

DEC 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/699903609?pwd=VDU5c3FMS253OGhNVUg0WUxNK3MyQT09> Meeting ID: 699 903 609 Passcode: 758292

Mass Of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ 6 files added to the album Collected memories



Jessica Bolender - April 04, 2025 at 08:03 PM

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“ I just found out today that my friend Erma passed away, in December. I called Ridgecrest today and they told me.

Mary Flaherty - January 19, 2025 at 05:25 PM

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“ The Ickes Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Erma J. Wiszmann.



The Ickes Family - December 09, 2024 at 06:28 AM