



## Iris A. Wagers

November 15, 1931 - December 31, 2024

A Memorial Service for Iris was held Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Shickley. Pastor Monica Magoola presided over the Service.

A Graveside Committal of Ashes took place in the Shickley Public Cemetery immediately following the Memorial Service.

The recorded selections "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "I'll Fly Away" were played during the service.

Honorary Pallbearers included Gary & Donna Saltzman, Candi Nelson, Mary Troyer-Garman, Leroy Garman, Joe Kamler, and Lola Barney.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Iris Ann Wagers departed from this world after a life well lived on December 31, 2024, at CountryHouse Residence, Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 93 years, 1 month, and 16 days. .

She was born on November 15, 1931 in Ong, Nebraska to Ira White and Genevieve (Culin) White. Iris was the oldest of five girls. She grew up in Shickley, Nebraska and lived there until October 2019 when she moved to

Lincoln to be closer to her daughters.

Iris attended Shickley Public Schools. She was the editor-in-chief for the first Shickley school yearbook published in 1949 and Valedictorian of her class. She attended The National Business Institute in Lincoln, Nebraska and worked at the State Department of Education.

Iris married Lyle Wagers June 17, 1951. Three daughters and one son, who died in infancy, were born to this union. They were married 62 years. Lyle and Iris enjoyed antiquing, square dancing, volunteering and attending activities at Shickley Public Schools. Iris also enjoyed genealogy. She worked for Lichti Bros. Oil Co in Shickley until she retired.

She was a lifelong member of the Shickley United Methodist Church and was involved with various ministries within the church throughout her lifetime. Iris was also a member of the United Methodist Women's group. She looked forward to making ice cream for the annual ice cream socials and helping serve coffee on Sunday mornings. She enjoyed listening to Marti Alfs play the piano before church on Sundays.

Iris served on the Shickley Cemetery Association and was a member of the Legion Auxiliary. The highlight of her day while still residing in Shickley was listening to the first graders in Mrs. Nelson's classroom.

In her later years, Iris enjoyed reading, putting puzzles together, and watching Husker sports. She also enjoyed listening to the musicians who would come and perform at CountryHouse. Because her grandson and family live in Colorado, she was not able to see them as often as she would have liked, however she always enjoyed their visits when they came to Lincoln.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents, Ira White and Genevieve White; husband, Lyle; son, David; daughter, Lyla; sibling and spouses, Rose (Dean)

Hall, Caroline Hillary, Marilyn White; sister-in-law, Zella (Stan) Hawley; sister-in-law, Pauline (Lowell) Trembly; brother-in-law, John Wagers; sister-in-law, Aileen (Orlan) Hargens; and sister-in-law, Mildred (Ted) Schmutte.

Iris leaves behind two daughters, Pat (Dee) Wagers and Peggy (Dale) Arp; one grandson, Richard (Lisa) Fushia; three great-grandsons, Christopher Pratt, Matthew Fushia, Nathaniel Fushia; one sister Roma (William) Jacque; and her many nieces and nephews. All will deeply miss her.

# Cemetery Details

## Shickley Public Cemetery

Shickley, NE 68436

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
611 Swartzendruber Dr  
Shickley, NE 68436  
(402) 627-2045

# Tribute Wall



“Peggy, I remember your Mom, Iris, as the upbeat, smiling, enthusiastic working-mother and community volunteer you have so aptly written about and have visually documented with media music. Sleep overs at your home come now to my mind! I was always in awe of working mothers—trailblazers—who were still tasked with all the responsibilities of my at-home mom, Susan, but radiated another dimension of self that derives from employment outside the home. Yes, it’s her unique sense of self that like a pebble cast into a pond, rippled into an ever expanding 93-year circle. May your own precious ring of memories sustain you!

Joan Gergen Wilson - January 11, 2025 at 12:12 PM



Thank you Joan. We miss her but it's also a blessing.  
Peggy

Peggy Arp - January 15, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“25 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 07, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to your entire family in the loss of your mother. What memories came to my mind when I read that Iris had passed. The good ole days with my grandparent Anderson's living across the road from all of the "White" girls!!! It would take all day to write what we did during that time but talk about memories, there are many and no-one can take them away from us. Iris will be missed but her love will stay with you and many others. Jenice Bates



jenice bates - January 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM

PA

Thank you.  
Peggy Wagers Arp

Peggy Arp - January 12, 2025 at 06:14 PM

SH

“ Stephen H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris A. Wagers.

Stephen H. - January 06, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Iris A. Wagers.



January 06, 2025 at 04:00 PM



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January 06, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Have many fond memories of her and Lyle. Praying for all!

**Bryce and Becky Jorgenson** - January 06, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Bob and Jackie Greco purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Iris A. Wagers.



**Bob and Jackie Greco** - January 06, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Sorry for the loss of your mother, Pat and Peggy. Your mother was one of the friendliest people around. Always a joy to meet up with her. Don and Shirley Rytych

**Donald Rytych** - January 05, 2025 at 04:45 PM

ST

“ Peggy and Pat, Dale, Richard and family You took such wonderful care of your Mother. The only thing I can say is, hold on to the memories. With God's grace you will always remember what it felt like to be loved by your Mom. I will never forget her. Iris was truly one of a kind. One of the smartest people I have known. All of my love and sympathy, and my prayers for God to comfort you. May the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand and May you feel his warm breath of love, and assurance that he is with you, and your Mother, now and always. Nephew, Stephen C Tobiassen

Stephen - January 04, 2025 at 05:32 PM

GJ

“ Gary and Terri Jacque purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Iris A. Wagers.



Gary and Terri Jacque - January 04, 2025 at 02:31 PM

GJ

“ Gary and Terri Jacque planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris A. Wagers.

Gary and Terri Jacque - January 04, 2025 at 02:31 PM

BS

“ Bill Schmutte purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Iris A. Wagers.



Bill Schmutte - January 03, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BS

“ Bill Schmutte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris A. Wagers.

Bill Schmutte - January 03, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MS

“ Mary Ough Stanislav lit a candle in memory of Iris Wagers



Mary Ough Stanislav - January 03, 2025 at 03:50 PM

FT

“ From Donna's Personal Touch purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Iris A. Wagers.



From Donna's Personal Touch - January 03, 2025 at 12:11 PM

FT

“ From Donna's Personal Touch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris A. Wagers.

From Donna's Personal Touch - January 03, 2025 at 12:11 PM

JP

“ I'm sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a lovely lady.

Jane Peek - January 03, 2025 at 11:12 AM

KC

*Pat and Peggy, your mom was a very easy person to have for a friend. We seemed to meet up at the library because we both enjoyed reading and at the same time we enjoyed visiting. I also worked along with her at church, she was very good with helping out with various activities.*

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**Kathryn Cool** - January 08, 2025 at 01:25 PM