



Wanda E. Nation

September 17, 1919 - February 9, 2011

Wanda E. Nation, 91, of Grand Tower, Illinois, passed away at 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at the Herrin Hospital in Herrin, Illinois.

Gravesite services will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Walker Hill Cemetery at Grand Tower, Illinois, with Charles Burdick and Don Burchyett officiating. Family and friends are asked to go directly to the cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Shawnee Christian Nursing Home. Pettett Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Wanda was born on September 17, 1919, at Pomona, Illinois, to Elias Calvin and Josephine (Rhodes) Clover.

She was a life long resident of Grand Tower. She worked as a store clerk, as a dispatcher for the City of Grand Tower and as a librarian at the Grand Tower Public Library for many years.

Wanda married Fred Nation on April 11, 1936, and he preceded her in death on February 25, 1971.

She was preceded in by one daughter Vera Marlene Callis in October of 1993, five brothers, three sisters, and her parents.

She is survived by one grandson Kevin Dean Callis and his wife Sonya Callis of Philpot, KY; four great grandchildren, and one great great grandson;

nine nieces, five nephews, and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda E. Nation*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Any one who knew Wanda, knew she loved God her Father and Jesus her Lord and Savior, and any one who knows the Father and the Savior knows Wanda is having a great time now. 1st. Corinthians 2:9 states "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, EAR HAS NOT HEARD, NOR HAS IT ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." Any one who has made JESUS their Lord and savior will see Wanda again. They will spend all eternity with Wanda and all their loved ones that have been saved by the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

ANONYMOUS - February 17, 2011 at 10:09 PM



“ *I light this candle in honor of you Aunt Wanda. This is the last thing I can do for you. You have need of nothing because you rest in the arms of Jesus. You are residing in a brand new home. Praise be to God.. You will always be ever present in our hearts until we meet again. We love you..*



Don and Peggy Burchyett - February 13, 2011 at 09:39 PM

“ How can a person retract four years worth of memories in just a short time. Don and I first started helping with Aunt Wanda about four years ago. It started out with my doing her bills and paperwork and Don delivering her meals and praying with her daily for it seemed almost everyone in Grand Tower. As time went on she required more health care. We would go to the doctors office and we usually had a morning appointment. She wanted morning because she wanted to go to McDonald's and have breakfast. She would sing to me all the way there and all the way back. Sometimes we would sing together. Whatever came to mind is what she would sing. "I'll fly away" was a favorite. Now she has done just that. We were with her the day God ushered her into heaven. We left and about thirty minutes later we got a call to let us know she had passed away. I spoke to her before I left telling her that she was getting ready to go home to be with Jesus. That she was going to finally be with Marlene (her daughter) and all the others that had gone on before. I told her that I loved her and I would miss her but it was ok to go. I said good bye and told her that we would be ok and for her not to worry.

Today I still stand in awe of how the Lord used her at the nursing center. Her grand daughter predicted that God was going to use her in a healing ministry there and that must of come straight from God because that is exactly what happened. She layed hands on her room mate and chest pain went away never to come back again. She prayed for the residents there and even the staff. If you were hurting somewhere she lost no time in laying hands on you for a healing touch from God.

At the service Charlie Burdick talked about dry humor in Aunt Wanda. He was right. The slogans we remember the most was when someone would say something kind of funny, she'd say "Aint that pityful?" Or "She caint hep it can she Don?" Hummm, seems most of the time those remarks were directed to yours truly.. We had so much fun with her. We always come away feeling so much better after we had visited with her. My sweet Aunt Wanda is going to be sorely missed but it is such a consolation to know that she is walking, talking, hearing and rejoicing with the angels in heaven.

Dancing the streets with her daughter finally. She fought a good fight and bottom line is that SHE WON!! Bottom line is that if we continue to fight the good fight of faith we can be on that winning team with her. Let's work toward that it is going to be a glorious day when we all get to heaven.

Thank you all for all your kind words and thanks to Pettitt Funeral home for being so good to us in our time of loss.

Peggy and Don Burchyett - February 13, 2011 at 06:43 PM

MM

“*Twenty years ago the Lord brought Wanda into my life as a mother image. As the years went by, we grew very close. I thought I knew how to pray; until "mom" and I would pray together. I learned so much more about our Lord and Savior through the time we were able to spend together. She was such a blessing to me and my family. There was nothing we would not of done for her. We will miss her greatly, and she will be missed by all who knew her. Now we can rejoice for her, because our Lord has given her retirement and her crown with many jewels. She loved to sing and now she is singing and rejoicing with the angels. We Love You Mom! Mike and Joyce*

Michael A. & Joyce M. Maszka - February 12, 2011 at 11:08 AM

KD

“*Our prayers are with you during this difficult time , may God's loving arms carry you through the quiet moments, and bring you peace. A life fully lived shines on.*

*With Deepest Sympathy
Kathy & Michael*

Kathy & Michael Duncan - February 11, 2011 at 11:30 PM

NB

“ Walking back in time and remembering our loving cousins from the siblings of our dear Aunt Wanda. She was the youngest of 12 children and the last to be deceased. Her lonely days are over and she is at peace with her Lord, her husband and her daughter. I record here, for our memory and to the best of my knowledge, the names of her siblings in the order of their birth: Minnie, Claude Clifford, Clevey Clarence, Otto, Birt Monroe, Rosco, Georgey, Frankey Howard, Jewell Ann, Ruth Elizabeth, Wanda Edith, Sarah Marie. We will miss her but rejoice with her. 2 Timothy 4-7 She fought a good fight, finished the course and kept the faith.



Nadine Eimer nee Bridgeman - February 10, 2011 at 09:42 PM

ME

“ Walking back in time and remembering my loving Aunt Wanda, her siblings and my dear cousins. Aunt Wanda was the baby of 11 children and the last to be deceased, we will miss her deeply and for her and our memory, I leave this record of her and her dear siblings, in the order of their birth: Claude Clifford, Clevey Clarence, Otto, Birtie Monroe, Rosco, Georgey, Frankey Howard, Jewel Ann, Ruth Elizabeth, Wanda Edith and Sarah Marie. Her life on earth is closed and she begins a new life in eternity with her precious Lord.

M. Nadine Eimer - February 10, 2011 at 08:28 PM