



Wanda Joy Tibke

October 13, 1938 - September 17, 2015

Wanda Joy Tibke was born October 13, 1938 to Earl and Minnie Surber. She grew up in Ida Grove and Danbury, Iowa where she spent most of her time on the family farm. She was the third of five children, older sisters Marlene and Janis and younger twin brothers, Jon and Jim.

The family moved to Omaha, Nebraska where she met the love of her life, Edward Tibke. They were neighbors and met when Ed was out working on his car. Young romance developed into a lifetime of happiness. Together they enjoyed car racing, swimming at Peony Park, and going to drive-in movies.

They were married, November 5, 1954 at American Lutheran church in Omaha, NE and were blessed with nine children: Lance, Clayton, Kathy, Kristie, Tracie, Valerie, Linnea, Michele and Keith.

Her girls were treasured and her boys were spoiled.

Her passion for life was Ed and her children; she truly loved everyone getting together for any and all occasions. If you missed one of these holidays, birthdays, weddings, or graduations, you were definitely given a call the next day. She had a gift for remembering all family and friends birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

Wanda's many endearing qualities included being a great listener and her

children's best friend. She was a mom to all, welcoming everyone into her home and enjoyed hearing the kids and their friends' stories. No one ever left her house hungry.

Wanda's home was always beautiful because of her talent for decorating and growing flowers.

To the family softball team, she was their biggest fan and Ed's favorite pitching "coach". From playing backyard volleyball to sledding, she participated in it all. She was the leader of the pranks, but if Ed found out, you were on your own.

For 30 years, each November, Wanda looked forward to the family hunting trip to Chadron, Nebraska. She enjoyed the get-a-way, but what she didn't realize was everyone else went along just to be with her. From cooking, playing games, listening to country music, and dancing, Wanda's cabin was the place to be!

Wanda's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life.

She had a smile that would touch your heart and she will be loved forever. Her love is our strength and her family was her life.

She will be remembered for her loyalty, devotion to family, kind spirit, and unconditional love.

Wanda J. Tibke, age 76, Oct. 13, 1938-Sept. 17, 2015

Survived by loving husband of 60 years, Edward H. Tibke.

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Preceded in death by parents Earl and Minnie Surber and sister Marlene.

Survived by 9 children: Lance (Kathy), Clayton (Robin), Kathy Saathoff, Kristie (John) Vecchio, Tracie (John) Novak, Valerie, Linnea (Keith) O'Dowd, Michele

(Gerald) O'Dowd, and Keith (Connie), 21 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, brothers Jim and Jon, sister Janis, nieces and nephews. Wanda passed away in the loving arms of her family, and was a unique and exceptional wife and mother who touched all who knew her. She will be loved by all and remembered forever.

Funeral service 10:30 AM Monday, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Omaha . Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn . Visitation Sunday Noon to 6 PM with family receiving friends from 3-6 PM and a prayer service at 6 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn . Condolences to www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com

Reichmuth Funeral Home

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Joy Tibke*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Christmas time is one of many memories I have of Wanda and the Tibke family. Every year all the kid's stockings were hung on the big window, so when we drove up the street I used to try to memorize all the names as I only really knew Putty(Linnea), Michelle, and Keith. Wanda and my mom, Susie, had a friendship when we were growing up back in the 70's and 80's. I will always cherish my memories with your family Wanda. I love y'all and miss y'all. I am very sad and sorry to know this wonderful, loving, hard-working mother has passed.*
~Shelli

Shelli - August 26, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Just heard about Wanda's passing and I wanted to let you all know that your whole family is in my thoughts. Wanda will be missed. She was a wonderful woman and I always enjoyed taking care of her here at Brighton Gardens. Love you all, take care.*

Amy McCarter - September 22, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Ed and family so sorry to hear of Wanda passing. You have all of our compassion at this time of sorrow. Have many memories of past times. Peace be with you*

Rich & Cindy Steimer - September 21, 2015 at 12:01 PM

SP

“ *I will never forget the kindness Mrs Tibke showed me. She was a special person and I will miss her Christmas letters. My prayers are with you all.*

Scott Pridie - September 20, 2015 at 06:55 PM

DB

“ *Tibke Family
Sorry for your loss. I will keep all of you in my prayers and thoughts at this time. Your Mom was a great person to everyone she met.
Again sorry for your loss.*

Diane (Cunningham) & Steve Becker - September 20, 2015 at 11:47 AM

BP

“ *Ed and family,
We were so sorry to hear about Wanda's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May the beautiful memories of her bring you peace and comfort.*

Bruce and Colleen Pfeifer

Bruce and Colleen Pfeifer - September 20, 2015 at 09:51 AM

NM

“ *To the Tibke Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the death of Wanda. We shared so many good times growing up...getting together as families for Sunday dinners or suppers, gathering at Grandma/Grandpa Scotts on Memorial week-end and all those reunions in Danbury. May you find comfort knowing she is at peace in her heavenly home.*

Cousin Nancy

Nancy Huitt Markey - September 19, 2015 at 01:35 PM