



Elma P. Wakefield

January 27, 1923 - January 24, 2019

Elma P. Wakefield, 95, of Clarion, passed away on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Clarion Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, three days prior to her 96th birthday.

She was born on January 27, 1923 in Blairsville; daughter of the late Paul and Flora Thompson Waugaman.

Elma graduated from the Indiana Teacher's College in 1949 and remained an active IUP Alumni.

She married Jake Wakefield on June 1, 1953, and moved to Robinson, PA (Indiana County). He preceded her in death.

Elma was a retired Elementary School Teacher at Ligonier School District. Her faith was very important to her. Elma was currently a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Clarion. She previously was a member of the Hebron Lutheran Church in Blairsville and Zion Lutheran Church in Robinson, PA.

Elma was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Latrobe, PA.

She was an avid Steelers fan. Elma actively participated in the Ligonier and Clarion YMCAs, T.O.P.S., and Silver Sneakers.

Additionally, she was well known for her cookies and affectionately known to most as Grandma Wakefield.

Elma enjoyed traveling near and far with her family and friends.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cynthia Beary and her husband Richard "Curly" of Clarion and Paula Kuzma of Johnstown; her grandson,

Craig Beary and his fiancé Melinda Warnsing; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Elma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jake; her four brothers, Charles, John, Donald, and Paul Waugaman; her eight sisters, Sara Waugaman, Dorothy Campbell, Ruth Ryder, Leila Hodges, Julia Ricca, Patricia Layton, Nettie Catherine Waugaman, Flora Belle Waugaman, and Carolyn Sherrill; and her son-in-law, Paul Kuzma.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Clarion, where Funeral Services will immediately follow at 11 a.m. in the Church with Rev. Harold Jacobson, pastor presiding.

Interment will be held in the Blairsville Cemetery.

The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Clarion Forest V.N.A & Hospice, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214, the Clarion Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 999 Heidrick Street, Clarion, PA 16214, or to a Charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church
421 Madison Road
Clarion, PA 16214

Service

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Elma's passing, she was such a nice lady. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Debbie and Ben Call

Debbie and Ben Call - January 27, 2019 at 04:39 PM

DG

“ I am sorry to hear about your mother passing away. She was a wonderful person. She helped me a lot when I started teaching at the old Bolivar school. She also shared a birthday with my daughter Derra. Please let your family know that I sent my sympathy.

Darlene Speidel Gregorich - January 27, 2019 at 01:12 PM

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Paul Waugaman - January 26, 2019 at 10:41 AM

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Paul Waugaman - January 26, 2019 at 10:37 AM



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Craig Beary - January 26, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *Cynthia and Paula, I am sorry to hear about you Mom. She was a special lady. I loved and admired your family. We have so many memories of our family reunions and of course poor mans cake. I haven't made that cake in quite a while. I made it last Sunday for friends. So, I was just talking about her and how she always made this cake. Somehow mine never tasted as good as hers. I remember when I got to come and stay for a vacation. You had such a warm and loving home. we will keep you and your families in our prayers.
All our love,
Babe and Sam*

Mary VanDyke - January 26, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *A beautiful woman inside and out. Prayers for comfort and strength to Cindy and Curly.*

Cheryl Miller

Cheryl Miller - January 26, 2019 at 09:02 AM

AE

“ Thoughts and Prayers. I enjoyed her stories of teaching and breaking a cast iron skillet(something we had in common). Just last week when she got her hair done, I had her at the nurses station. We asked her who she got her hair done for and we started naming all the movie stars off But when I said Paul Newman her face lit and she giggled. Everyone was laughing, including Elma who was laughing the hardest!

Autumn Eaker - January 25, 2019 at 05:17 PM

CL

“ Thoughts and prayers Cynthia and Paula so sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a wonderful person I still talk about the great memories of all the New Year's Eve spent with your mom and dad!!

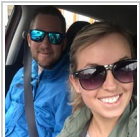
Cindy (Shetler) Lych - January 25, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elma P. Wakefield.



January 25, 2019 at 04:01 PM



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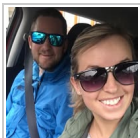


Craig Beary - January 25, 2019 at 03:48 PM

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“ One of my delights as a former store owner on Mainstreet was when Elma would walk through the door. Yes, I loved it when she purchased things but what I remember the most is the time she spent selecting just the right item to give as a gift or replace something at home. She had a story for everything. One day she came in and brought with her a lime green suede jacket. She handed it to me and said "I thought you would look good in this jacket. I want you to have it." And guess what? I still do. Elma, you will be missed.

Andrea Maitland - January 25, 2019 at 12:47 PM



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Craig Beary - January 25, 2019 at 11:24 AM



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Craig Beary - January 25, 2019 at 11:20 AM



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Craig Beary - January 25, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Elma was a good friend I would take her to work on our animal project at Grace and once we took her to Johnstown on Thanksgiving she shared so many stories of her years teaching and the fire that took her home she will be missed Karl and Elsa Schlentner*

Elsa Schlentner - January 25, 2019 at 09:49 AM

EB

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother, Cindy. We had great talks about family history. She was a lovely lady!*
My condolences to your family, also.

Elaine Bigley - January 24, 2019 at 06:48 PM