



Verlen Dean Wiggins
Feb. 19, 1923 to Feb. 26 2015



Wilma I. Wiggins
Feb. 26, 1926 – Oct. 2, 2019

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church:

Dean and Wilma were not members of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, but had been attending a few years. Verle liked Pastor Tim Burchill and thought he was inspiring. Wilma volunteered at St. Andrew.

Family:

Sons: Ronald Dean (Karen), Kregg Steven (Jeanine) and Layne Kent (Paula)

Daughters: Judith Kay Black and Terri (Michael) Venable

Grandson: Chad Wiggins, Jake Wiggins, Nathan Wiggins, William Black, Taylor Venable, and Steven Wiggins.

Granddaughters: Kelsi Taglang, Kelly Walburn, Emily Wiggins and Corey Steinmetz

Great Grandchildren: Jack and Dean Taglang, Miles and Charlie Wiggins, Mackenzie Walburn and Rose Venable

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests:

Dean was a farmer and loved working outside. He did all farm work and had sheep and cattle. When the children were married and away from home, he enjoyed visiting them. He loved life and family. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 66 years and past Master for over 50 years. He restored a 56 Chevy and enjoyed traveling in it. He won third place with it in a show.

Wilma was a member of Wabash Extension Homemakers Club for 60 years, Ladies of Federated Craft #94, and served three terms as Worthy Matron at Hope Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #5. She volunteered at Westminster Village, as well as St. Andrew.

Use of Memorial Funds:



Three Trees were planted in 2016 on south edge of the parking lot to honor Verlen.
(Ginko, Yellow Wood and Elm)



In 2022 a park bench was placed under a shade tree in a landscaped area near the picnic shelter and basketball court to honor Wilma.

Obituaries:

Verlen Dean Wiggins



Verlen Dean Wiggins, 92, of West Lafayette, died 8:17 am at IU Health Arnett Hospital Thursday, February 26, 2015.

He was born February 19, 1923, in Tippecanoe County, to the late Rudolph Stanford and Hazel Bryan Wiggins. He graduated from Klondike High School in 1941. He married Wilma Irene Baer on June 20, 1947, in Lafayette. Dean served in the [United States Navy](#) Construction Battalion (SeaBees) from 1943-1946 during [WWII](#) in the South Pacific. He was a member of Octagon Masonic Lodge #511, Tippecanoe County Masonic Past Masters Association, Hope Chapter #5 O.E.S., Lafayette High Twelve #99 and National Federal Craft #94. He farmed in Tippecanoe County for 40 years and retired in 1986.

Surviving are his Wife, Wilma Irene Wiggins, son, Ronald Dean Wiggins (Karen), daughter, Judith Kay Black (Bill), daughter, Terri Elaine Venable (Mike), son, Gregg Steven Wiggins (Jeanine), son, Layne Kent Wiggins (Paula) and a sister, Jean Bell.

Also surviving are ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Visitation will be 5pm-8pm Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel, 1184 Sagamore Parkway West, West Lafayette 47906. Masonic Services at 7:30 given by Masonic Lodge #313 Battle Ground. Funeral Service will be 10am Monday, March 2, 2015 at Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel. Officiating will be Pastor Tim Burchill. Burial will be at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Wiggins.

Those wishing may contribute to St. Andrews United Methodist Church or the [charity of donor's choice](#). You may sign the guest book and leave memories at www.soller-baker.com

Wilma I. Wiggins



1926 – 2019

West Lafayette - Wilma Irene Wiggins, 93, of West Lafayette, passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Cumberland Pointe Health Campus. She was born February 26, 1926, in Montgomery County to the late Franklin and Isabella Harmon Baer.

Wilma graduated from Bowers High School in 1944. She married Verlen Dean Wiggins on June 20, 1947 and he preceded her in death on February 26, 2015.

She was a member of Wabash Extension Homemakers Club for 60 years, Emera Club, Ladies of Federated Craft #94 and attended St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Wilma served three terms as Worthy Matron at Hope Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #5. Wilma volunteered at Westminster Village and St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her children Ronald Dean (Karen) Wiggins of Bloomington, IL, Judith Kay Black of Ft. [Smith](#), AR, Terri Elaine (Michael) Venable of Ft. Wayne, Gregg Steven (Jeanine) Wiggins of Clarkston, MI, Layne Kent (Paula) Wiggins of Dexter, MI, 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister Vera Leach of Crawfordsville. Wilma was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel, 1184 Sagamore Parkway West. Eastern Star service will be at 7:00 pm Sunday. Service will be at 10:00 am on Monday, October 7, 2019, at Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel, Rev. Christopher Danielson officiating. Interment will be at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in West Lafayette.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew United Methodist Church or charity of donor's choice in Wilma's memory. You may sign the guest book, leave memories and photos at www.soller-baker.com

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