



# Marian Annabelle Wonderlich

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**L**ange Funeral Home 856-2000

Marian Annabell Wonderlich, age 83 of Centerville, Iowa died Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born January 17, 1929 in Brighton, Iowa, the daughter of Leonard and Elsie Kessel. She married J. Lee Wonderlich on August 31, 1947 in Richland, Iowa.

Marian attended a country school near Brighton, Iowa until third grade, when she moved to Ollie, Iowa and attended Consolidated School through high school. After marrying her school sweetheart at the age of 18, she started housekeeping in a trailer for four years, following Lee's work on construction. In 1953, Lee started working for ISU in Eddyville, Iowa, transferring to Centerville in 1966.

She was a homemaker, a devoted wife and ran a daycare in her home in Centerville for 22 years, she and Lee were caretakers for the elderly, and she was very active at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville. Marian retired at the same time as Lee in 1988. Together they traveled from coast to coast visiting their children. Her health began to fail in 1995, a diagnosis of Parkinson's with lewy body disease was made in 2005. Marian always enjoyed life and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Marian was very active in numerous organizations throughout the community, including Ladies of St. Mary's, Welcome Wagon, PTO, and Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by her husband, Lee; ten children, Diana (Jim) Murray of Yorba Linda, California, Danny (Stella) Wonderlich of Winter Park, Florida, Jo Ann (John) Goodman of Cantril, Iowa, Peggy (Richard) Ranes of Centerville, Iowa, Rae (Gary) Deklotz of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mary (Greg) Sharp of Cleveland, Ohio, Marcia (Doug) Hart of Centerville, Iowa, Rhonda (Phil) Swanson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Barry (Susan) Wonderlich of Ankeny, Iowa, Jerry (Teri) Wonderlich of Overland Park, Kansas; twenty five grandchildren; twenty five great grandchildren; sister Beatrice



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Reynolds; brothers, Harold, Howard, Eugene, Carroll and Dwight Kessel.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents; sister Isabell Rich; brother Clyde Kessel; son-in-law Jim Murray; and granddaughter Theresa Murray.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held 10:30 AM, Monday, March 5, 2012 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville with Father Dennis Schaab officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Centerville, Iowa. A visitation will be held Sunday, March 4 at Lange Funeral Home from 2-6, with a Celebration of Life Service at 3 PM. Memorials have been established to either the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville or to the Family's Choice and may be given to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

March 04, 2012 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

### Funeral Mass

March 05, 2012 10:30 AM

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:41 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:49 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was sad to hear of Marian's passing. I saw her at Pancake Day last year and knew she wasn't good. I went to Marian's day care from age 4-12, and knew her and her family very well. At Pancake Day I attempted to name all of her children in order of birth. I missed it by one. The time I spent in her home had a significant influence on my life. I wish I had known of her passing earlier so I could have attended the service. I offer my condolences to all the family. Posted by Steven Anderson - Springfield, MO June 24, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You all had a remarkable mother. I remember sleeping over on a Friday night at your house one time -- on Saturday morning, I remember the upstairs coming to life with kids everywhere cleaning house! It's an image I will never forget! If anyone wants to know how incredible Mrs. Wonderlich was, just take a look at her incredible children. Posted by Becky Keeney - Jefferson, IA - Friend of Marcia, Mary & Rhonda March 20, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sending my thoughts, prayers & love to all. You are all so special & thanks for making me feel like I am still part of the family. I couldn't be part of a better family unit, you know my feelings for all. Hope Lee is getting rested & the flu bug is not still hanging around. Take care all, Trilla Posted by Trilla Christner - Ollie, IA - Sister-in-law March 09, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Lee,Dan & Stella and all the Wonderlich's Meeting Your Mom and Dad at your retirement,was a true blessing and leaves us with many fond memories, seeing what a wonderful couple they were something that we missed. To see your dad speaking to your mom the LOVE that was there( and still is ) & the patience and kindness he showed speaking and explaining things to her, the gentleness in his voice,we don't see many couples like that, Our family really enjoyed that day and even the ice cream treat that Dan bought all of us I know that your family has many memories and the love that your dad and mom has is still there but in all of you, we continue to pray that God will comfort you. With our Sympathy Rudy and Mary Barboza Posted by Mary & Rudy Barboza - Los Angeles, CA - Stella's sister & husband Rudy March 06, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Marci, Jo, Peggy, Rhonda, and the rest of your family---So sorry to read about your mother's passing. She and your dad raised a wonderful family and I was glad to know many of you. I know this will be a hard time for you, but remember all of the good memories you had with her and hope it helps get you through. Take care and we pray that your dad is making it through this tough time as well as possible. We send our sympathy. Janet & Jim Knedler Posted by Janet Knedler - Topeka, KS - Friend March 05, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lee, Dan and Stella and all the Wonderlich Family,We send our heartfelt condolences, feeling we have been blessed to have enjoyed Marian's company during Dan's retirement a few years past. We especially remember all riding in the van to Washington D.C.- all of us feeling the love Lee and Marian reflected and seeing the special attentiveness that Lee gave to Marian -. Thank you -Dan for setting that up. You are always so thoughtful.We also love this picture of Marian because it reflects a lovely woman with a beautiful smile that reflects such great warmth. The warmth continues thru to all the family. God Bless you all. Posted by Connie Mulock and Celestina Guzman - San Diego, CA - Stella's sister and mother March 05, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Rae, I was sorry to read of your mom's death. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers, Mic Posted by Mic (Rice) McCafferty - Dallas, TX - Friend of Rae's March 05, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lee and family I sure wish I could have been in Centerville today. We are in Wichita ks or I would have been. I have so many great memories of Marion and all of you kids. Your mom was truly a remarkable women and did it all with such class. I always loved when she would stick her teeth out (what a thing to remember)!! I was so glad my Mom was able to come today. She really loved seeing all of you! I will be thinking of all of you tomorrow. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. love Sandy Davis Posted by Sandy Rowland Davis - Eddyville, IA - Friend March 05, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

especially remember daughters Marci, Peggy and Rhonda. Great ladies. Remember going back to St. Mary's in summertime and seeing her and Lee. Would also see her 3 daughters, Peggy, Marci and Rhonda with family members. She was so strong in her faith. It was rare to see the people at Mass that I had seen in the past as we all grow older and the Parish has changed so much. Marian was an inspiration of the kind of Grandmother I am trying to be. What a cornerstone of that Parish. I am so sorry and am sure she will be missed by her beautiful family. Jeanie Benac Posted by jeaniedbenac - columbia, MO - friend March 04, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I'm so sorry I could not be there personally to share my feelings with you for your loss. Marian was an inspiration of a life well lived. She was a very special long time friend of my Mom and I know they were always in each other's hearts and minds until the end. Posted by Janis (Wonderlich) Sciarrotta - Taylors, SC - Niece March 04, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

Lee and Family, I'll always remember Marian for the gentle spirit, kind heart, soft voice and a smile for everyone. She was one of those special people who made a difference in the lives of others. May my thoughts and prayers be a comfort to you and your family at this very difficult time. God Bless You All. Sara Tait Posted by Sara Tait - Mystic, IA - Friend March 04, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mom, Thanks for all you taught me. I can now make gravy and make apple pie! The last two years taught me how to live my life so that when the end comes it is ok to let go. We will always have you in our hearts. Love your daughter, Marc Posted by Marcia Hart - Centerville, IA - Daughter March 04, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thinking of your family at this sad time. I am so glad I was able to know your mother, and your wonderful family throughout the years. May our thoughts and prayers be with you. Kerri and Dave. Posted by Kerri (Mihalovich) and Dave Boender - Oskaloosa, IA - friend of family March 03, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We send our sincere sympathy and many prayers to all of you at the lossof Marian. She will be missed by so many. Posted by Lawrence and Mary Ellen Schmitz - Kirkville, IA - friends March 03, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Many years ago this family lived in Eddyville,Iowa. Marian and Lee rasied one of the nicest families that I ever knew and I always had the greatest respect for Marian. God Bless you all.Thinking of you,Lowell Posted by Lowell W. McCracken - Fremont, IA - long time friends March 03, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

Best Friends ~ Together forever.....Our hearts go out to all of you during this very difficult time. Sending each of you a big HUG. Posted by Randy & Debbie March 03, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lee and Family, So sorry for your loss. Marian was such a nice lady and I don't know how she managed to do all that she did. We loved her mother , Elsie and Marian was so much like her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Posted by Larry & Joyce Weber - Ollie, IA - Friend March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jan Houser - Thank you for your comments to my family. Yes, I was very honored to know and date Glynis! I remember encouraging her to run for the pageant and told her she would be a shoe in to win. That was a memorable summer and fall in Centerville. Doesn't every Centerville boy dream of dating a Pancake Day Queen Please pass along my regards to her. I have two girls, 14 and 15. I always check out the size of the remaining Christmas trees at your former place east of town on the few occasions I drive that direction. Thanks again. Posted by Jerry Wonderlich - Overland Park, KS - Son March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Lee and Cousins, Want you all to know that we are thinking about you all. Will miss Marion, she always had a friendly smile and always wanted to know not only how we were doing but how our kids were doing also. Will always remember the times we visited you in Eddyville and Centerville for Wonderlich get-to-gether's at Christmas and other times of the year. Norm Posted by Norm Wonderlich - Webster City, IA - nephew March 02, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

Rhonda and Family -- I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother this morning. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I ask for God's blessings on you and your wonderful family. May you find courage and strength to move forward in peace. Posted by Linda Blanchard - Oskaloosa, IA - Friend of Ronda Swanson March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jerry and family, so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person and enjoyed life so much. Jerry remember going out with the newly crowned Pancake Queen back in 1980! I still remember how excited you were! Both in college at Ames. Glynis and Wayne have 4 children.. lives in Waterloo, Iowa. take care and remember all the good memories! Jan Houser, Newton, Iowa Posted by Jan Houser - Newton, IA - friend March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Was so saddened to hear of your mothers death. I so wish I could be there to see your wonderful family, but we will be out of town. You all have our deepest sympathy. Love you, Ellen and Chuck Posted by Ellen Mc Crea - Eddyville, IA - friend March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Most of all I remember what a great Mom Marian was to all the kids, I don't know how she did it but she did!!! I'm so sorry for your loss and wish I were there to listen to all the talks you will be having together in the next few days. Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Jamella Posted by Jamella Moyer - Cedar Rapids, IA - Friend March 02, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

Janice - We're sitting around in Mom and Dad's living room in Centerville and just saw your posting and Dad wanted to say thanks for your comments. Half of us kids are here now and the others will be here tomorrow or Saturday morning. Danny just said we also have fond memories of your family and the garden next to our house. Rae remembers chasing the baby rabbits in the garden. Dad wants to know if you recall your Mom babysitting for us kids while they were off to Oskaloosa for another baby to be delivered Good ol' Eddyville. Where are you living now Regards, Posted by Jerry Wonderlich - Centerville,, IA - Youngest Son of Marian March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your family. Remember the days you lived in Eddyville by my folks and how good both of you were to my Mom and Dad. Marian was a wonderful mother for her children. Janice Posted by Janice McMullin Hanson March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Diana, so sorry to hear of your mother;s passing, altho she is at peace now and free from pain. My mother had Parkinson's too and I know what a devastating illness it can be. May your memories be bright and clear. ... . Posted by Nancy Bryant Sackett - friend March 02, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lee, Marcie and families, We are so sorry for your loss. She fought a tough battle, proving what a tough lady she was. What a SUPER lady and one of a kind. Lee you both did such a great job with your family and she was so proud of you all. I know she will be greatly missed but keep the memories and traditions close. We are so proud to have known her and have the vistic we did. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Posted by Margueritte and Jim Rardin - Bella Vista, AR - friends March 01, 2012

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**Anonymous** posted:

I have so many memories from the holidays over the years, sick days I spent at your house and bringing my babies to visit you. You were always busy doing something. Reading the stack of newspapers that you could never quite keep up with, maybe because you were so busy snipping out Dear Abby columns and comic strips to send to whoever it reminded you of. Keeping your house oh so clean tidy with everything in its place. Every meal felt like a treat, not sure why your food tasted so much better than when others would make it using the exact same recipe. Thanks for the countless bowls of rice with bread and butter (warmed up in the microwave). You were a hardworking, patient and caring person. Hopefully some of that rubbed off on me. (I know the housekeeping part didn't.) Grandma, Grandma I'm already missing you. Posted by Amie Davidson - Kelley, IA - Granddaughter February 29, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Such a lovely lady. She and Lee raised a lovely family also. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Posted by Cindy Donovan-Steahr - Muscatine, IA February 29, 2012

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace. Posted by Dennis & Bev Sisul Laurson February 29, 2012

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## Media

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