



Irma Allen

May 5, 1920 - May 18, 2021

The funeral service for Irma Allen of Wadena will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25, at the Joyful Spirit United Methodist Church (United Church of Christ building) in Wadena, with Pastors Kevin Gregory and Amy VanValkenburg presiding.

A visitation will be held at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Monday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. and will resume at the church on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Just days after celebrating her 101st birthday, Irma passed away with family by her side, on May 18, 2021, at her home in Wadena, MN.

Irma Lois Vanderhoef was born to Norman John and Grace Matilda Albertina (Bergen) Vanderhoef on May 5, 1920, in her parent's home in Wadena, MN. After graduating in 1938 from Wadena High School she began playing the church organ and providing piano lessons. By 1942, she received her degree at Moorhead Teachers College, eventually teaching in Verndale, Hewitt and in Menahga (10 yrs). Irma was united in marriage with Gene Allen on July 14, 1946, at her parent's home. They resided in Wadena and began enjoying summers at their cabin on Stocking Lake near Menahga in 1962.

Teachers are a gift and touch our hearts forever. Irma's musical talent blessed

hundreds of children and adults with guitar, organ and piano lessons, guiding many of them in the MN Music Teachers Association contests. Over the years, she directed the Wadena City Band, played for Rotary (30 yrs), hosted piano recitals at her home and at church, and was the founder and handbell director at the United Methodist Church (30 yrs). She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Order of Eastern Star #114.

Preceding Irma in death were her husband of nearly 73 years, Gene (7-9-2019); parents, Norman and Grace; siblings Louise Lundstrom, Frank Vanderhoef, Edna Lamson and Carrie Lindblom; and in-laws Clarence and Cecile Allen.

Memories of Irma will be held dear by her daughters, Norma Jean Allen and Marilyn (Tony) Uselman both of Wadena; 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Serving as casket bearers will be Allen Uselman, Dustin Cantrell, Isaac Bard, Josh Harrison, Kyle Davis and Pastor Kevin Gregory.

Burial will be next to her husband in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Irma Allen



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 21, 2021 at 04:04 PM

KC

“ Kim Denny Carlson lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Kim Denny Carlson - May 27, 2021 at 10:46 AM

AB

“ Alan Bielema lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Alan Bielema - May 26, 2021 at 12:55 PM

KH

“ Karen A (Olson) Harp purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Irma Allen.



Karen A (Olson) Harp - May 24, 2021 at 01:21 PM

GP

“ My Condolences to Irma's family. Your mother was a treasure. When I was in Wadena during my mother's (Opal Forsell) last years it was always good to visit with Irma and Gene at the Boondocks..... She never failed at ask about Mother. (They carpoled to Menahga during the years Mother taught there). I sent Irma a birthday card on the occasion of her 100th birthday! Some weeks later I received a two page hand written letter bringing me up to date about her family.....and checking in about Opal's family! I treasure my memories of her indeed.



Gail pierson - May 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM

CO

“ Carol A Osborn lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Carol A Osborn - May 22, 2021 at 07:46 AM

AJ

“ *The Vanderhoef Siblings*



Alice Vanderhoef Jordan - May 21, 2021 at 10:35 PM

AD

“ *Alice, Artrese and DJ purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Irma Allen.*



Alice, Artrese and DJ - May 21, 2021 at 10:28 PM

DM

“ *Dear family of Irma,
My sympathy at your loss of your mom. She left a wonderful legacy by sharing her outstanding gift of music to so many young musicians. It was obvious that she loved her students. She & Gene were great examples of love shared & they were some favorite patients @ Wadena Medical Center. May you find comfort in God's care & hope in the resurrection.*

*Most sincerely,
Donna Moenck, retired RN WMC*

Donna Moenck - May 21, 2021 at 10:13 PM

WP

“ I will never forget the evening I first met the Allen family. Fun, food and fellowship. Then Irma asked me to be a big sis for Norma. Fun job but enjoyed all our times together. Will miss my "other MOM" but Norma Jean I am still holding on to my title. Love to the whole family. Wanita Pilcher

Wanita Pilcher - May 21, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irma Allen.



May 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irma Allen.



May 21, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 21, 2021 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ The Lundstrom Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Irma Allen.



The Lundstrom Family - May 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM

BP

“ I love Irma's photo. She looks right at you and her nice smile. We will miss Irma. I have known Irma many years as we belonged to the same church. We were always fortunate to share in all her music and listen to all the students' special recitals at church to whom she taught piano. What a legacy she left behind. We were neighbors for 11 years until my folks had a house built a few blocks from their old place. Irma was the dearest person and always a good word in our conversations. Our sympathies to Irma's family. Love to you all, Sandi & Barry Pratt

Barry & Sandi Pratt - May 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM

SS

“ *Susan Samuelson lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen*



Susan Samuelson - May 19, 2021 at 08:49 PM

JJ

“ *Jon & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen*



Jon & Patty Johnson - May 19, 2021 at 05:45 PM

KT

“ *Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen*



Karen Treangen - May 19, 2021 at 05:42 PM

DS

“ *What a joy to know Irma. Her happy spirit will be missed. Always a smile, always a story and always energy for one more song. Such a joy to work with her at Rotary over the years and to see her at community events. God bless the many great memories of Irma.*

Dan Skogen - May 19, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MB

“ Mike And Veronica Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Mike and Veronica Bondzin - May 19, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JE

“ Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Jane Erckenbrack - May 19, 2021 at 12:18 PM

GK

“ Visits with Irma always involved cookies, flowers, and storytelling. I treasure those quiet moments when I escaped my hectic over-scheduled life and just sat with Irma. It actually started with piano lessons. I would arrive clutching my music, sit at the piano with Irma beside me and in between songs we talked about life. An hour later I left refreshed and re-energized from that quiet hour of music. I am forever grateful for the gift of Irma in my life.

Gillette Kempf - May 19, 2021 at 09:58 AM

GK

“ Gillette Kempf lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Gillette Kempf - May 19, 2021 at 09:16 AM

TH

“ Thinking of all of you! Sending love hugs and prayers to you all!



Tammie Hamlin - May 19, 2021 at 08:32 AM

DG

“ Dee Goerge lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Dee Goerge - May 19, 2021 at 08:23 AM

RL

“ Ruby L Lynk lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Ruby L Lynk - May 18, 2021 at 10:35 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Glen Donna Wood - May 18, 2021 at 09:01 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for the family!!



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - May 18, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DC

“ Diane & Jerry Crabb lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Diane & Jerry Crabb - May 18, 2021 at 08:31 PM

VJ

“ I so enjoyed getting to know Irma. She was such a sweet lady. I cherish the CD she recorded and can "see" her smile when I listen to it. Please accept my deepest sympathy to your whole family. She will be missed by so many.

vernadine jensen - May 18, 2021 at 07:57 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Rita Anderson - May 18, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Arlys Andrews - May 18, 2021 at 06:57 PM



“ Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Mike Ortmann - May 18, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Mike and Lea Snyder - May 18, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Ben Tellers - May 18, 2021 at 04:52 PM

JD

“ Jerry & Janice Denny lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Jerry & Janice Denny - May 18, 2021 at 04:21 PM

PH

“ Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Peggy Haman - May 18, 2021 at 04:12 PM

KP

“ Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Karen Priebe - May 18, 2021 at 03:38 PM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Irma Allen



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - May 18, 2021 at 03:31 PM