



## Leona Carkhuff

April 6, 1924 - November 21, 2012

The Mass of Christian Burial for Leona Carkhuff of Wadena, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Friends may call on Sunday at the St. Ann's Parish Center from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with the Christian Mother's Rosary at 5:00 and Parish Prayers at 6:00 p.m.

Leona Kupfer was born April 6, 1924 to Charles and Philomena "Minnie" (Miller) Kupfer at her parents' home in Bluffton, MN.

Leona grew up in Bluffton along with her six brothers and four sisters. She attended St. John's Catholic grade school, where she was also baptized and confirmed. After graduating from Wadena HS in 1943, she moved to Minneapolis and worked for NW Airlines for two years. She then returned to Bluffton and was introduced to her brother Bill's army buddy, Raymond Elmer Carkhuff. After courting for nine months, they were married on May 21, 1946 at St. John's. They shared 56 years together on their farm in rural Wadena raising their nine children.

Leona's faith, family and friends were most important to her. She always enjoyed the family get togethers and visiting with her many good friends. She was a member of St. Ann's Parish in Wadena, Christian Mother's, Crosier Apostolate, and St. Joseph Society.

When Leona was unable to continue living on her own, she was truly blessed by her son & daughter in law, Jim & Laurie Carkhuff, who opened their home to her and made it her home as well. Jim & Laurie were her main loving caregivers, with the help of Leona's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Leona went safely into the arms of Jesus on November 21, 2012 while at her home in rural Wadena, just down the road from where she and Ray lived for 56 years. She was welcomed into heaven by her husband Raymond, parents Charles & Minnie "Ma & Pa", sons Roger "Butch" & Michael "Mike", grandson Ryan Carkhuff, son-in-law Tony Nanik, her grandpa Charles Kupfer Sr. who she held so many fond childhood memories with, sisters Marie Kupfer and Helen Weller, twin brother Leo, brothers Sylvester, Bill, Joe and Jim, and many special relatives and dear friends.

Until our arrivals home, Leona will be deeply missed by her sons Fr. Tom, Bill & Diane, Jim & Laurie; daughters Mary & John Blom, Sue & Galen Hieb, Joyce & Jarel Hieb, Trish & Bruce Steinkopf; 24 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren; brother Bob of Seattle, WA; sisters Gertie Klinnert of Dundee, IL, Catherine Vorderbruggen of Bluffton; sisters-in-law Bea Kupfer of Bluffton, Irene Kupfer of Richfield, and Virginia Carkhuff of Norway, IA; brother-in-law Vernie Carkhuff of Lavista, NE, and many nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Leona's grandchildren and great grandchildren .Serving as pallbearers were Kimberly Hokenson, Alecia McCall, Heidi Sibert, Gabby Weiher, Shelly Hegarty, Kristi Witthuhn, Jeanne Nanik, Patrick Carkhuff, Stacey Lillich, Jenny & Sarah Steinkopf.

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW  
Wadena, MN 56482

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall  
514 2nd St. SE  
Wadena, MN 56482

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN

## Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
514 1st St. SE  
Wadena, MN



# Tribute Wall

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jenny Steinkopf - November 28, 2012 at 05:53 PM

SS

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

sarah Steinkopf - November 28, 2012 at 02:35 PM

AA

“ Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Arlys Andrews - November 26, 2012 at 06:22 AM

PB

“ Mary & Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are unable to attend the services for your mom but will truly be holding you up in prayer. We all know where our strength comes from & it is the LORD.

Pam & Paul Beaulieu - November 25, 2012 at 08:21 PM

PB

“ Pam & Paul Beaulieu lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Pam & Paul Beaulieu - November 25, 2012 at 08:18 PM



“ Mary Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Mary Schmitz - November 25, 2012 at 04:25 PM



*Go in peace Leona, you lived a long, hard life and now are in the presences of our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus and are surrounded by all of those who went before you. I have many fond memories of you growing up. You were so much like a second mother to me. Sweet Jesus wrap your arms around this wonderful family that has been such a big part of my life.*

Mary Schmitz - November 25, 2012 at 04:28 PM

TS

“ Tim & Heidi Sibert lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Tim & Heidi Sibert - November 23, 2012 at 07:30 PM

SB

“ *Shannon & Graeme Badger lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Shannon & Graeme Badger** - November 23, 2012 at 05:41 PM

AL

“ *Annabelle Lee lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Annabelle Lee** - November 23, 2012 at 11:22 AM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family members of Leona's. Sehe was a wonderful caring person.*

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**Juliana Geiser** - November 22, 2012 at 08:01 PM

PF

“ *Pat Cooney & Family lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Pat Cooney & family** - November 22, 2012 at 06:43 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



**Darrell & Peggy Haman** - November 22, 2012 at 09:09 AM

JG

“ *Juliana Geiser lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



**Juliana Geiser** - November 22, 2012 at 06:58 AM

AS

“ *Arielle Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



**Arielle Schmitt** - November 21, 2012 at 10:48 PM

RK

“ *Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



**Rich & Mavis Kendall** - November 21, 2012 at 09:00 PM

TP

“ *Tom And Bernice Pickar lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**tom and bernice pickar** - November 21, 2012 at 08:28 PM

TP

*our thoughts and prayers are with you on your loss*

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**tom and bernice pickar** - November 21, 2012 at 08:29 PM

CB

“ *Connie And Scott Boe lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Connie and Scott Boe** - November 21, 2012 at 07:28 PM

MF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*



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**Mike and Marie Fraune** - November 21, 2012 at 07:22 PM

DR

“ *Dave And Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Dave and Barb Rousslang** - November 21, 2012 at 05:40 PM

SN

“ *Sharon Joy Neuerburg lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**sharon Joy Neuerburg** - November 21, 2012 at 04:46 PM

PL

“ *Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Pat Lorentz** - November 21, 2012 at 04:15 PM

BT

“ *Barb Thoennes lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Barb Thoennes** - November 21, 2012 at 02:55 PM

BW

“ *Bryan Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Bryan Wegscheid** - November 21, 2012 at 02:45 PM

LW

“ *Lucinda Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Lucinda Wegscheid** - November 21, 2012 at 02:44 PM

KL

“ *Ken And Nancy Lawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona Carkhuff*



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**Ken and Nancy Lawson** - November 21, 2012 at 02:36 PM

LW

“ *Prayers and thoughts!*

*Bryan , Lucinda , David ,Logan ,Matthew ,  
Ella Wegscheid*



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**Lucinda Wegscheid** - November 21, 2012 at 02:34 PM

LW

“ Prayers and thoughts!

*Bryan , Lucinda , David ,Logan ,Matthew ,  
Ella Wegscheid*



Lucinda Wegscheid - November 21, 2012 at 02:34 PM

GP

“ Gary , Brenda, And Madison Packer lit a  
candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Gary , Brenda, and Madison Packer - November 21, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JB

“ Joyce And Bruce Boyne lit a candle in  
memory of Leona Carkhuff



Joyce and Bruce Boyne - November 21, 2012 at 10:01 AM

JB

*Leona, May you rest in peace. I chose a red candle because I know  
how you liked the color red. Joyce*

Joyce & Bruce Boyne - November 21, 2012 at 10:04 AM

AS

“ Allen And Donna Schmitz sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Allen and Donna Schmitz - November 21, 2012 at 10:00 AM

AS

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Allen & Donna Schmitz - November 21, 2012 at 10:01 AM

RY

“ Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Rick & Linda Youngbauer - November 21, 2012 at 09:23 AM

RY

Trish and family, we were so sorry to hear that your mother passed away. Her pain is over and is now with your family that has gone before her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Rick & Linda Youngbauer - November 21, 2012 at 09:25 AM

JR

“ Jack And Judy Richter sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona Carkhuff



Jack and Judy Richter - November 21, 2012 at 08:16 AM