



Maxine Neumann

July 10, 1918 - June 2, 2017

Maxine Neumann, 98, of Kankakee, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2017. She was born July 10, 1918 in Momence, IL, the daughter of Merrill and Maysie Kious Chamberlain. Maxine married Denzil F. Neumann on December 25, 1938 at the First Baptist Church in Kankakee. Rev. Denzil Neumann passed away on December 21, 2000. As a pastor's wife and homemaker, she faithfully served by his side for 50 years in Baptist churches in Estherville, Iowa, Chicago, Hoopston, Chillicothe, Urbana, IL, and at Grace Baptist Church in Kankakee. In a note her husband wrote to his family, he said to his wife "you are God's gift to me." She lovingly cared for her husband at their home as his health failed. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Kankakee.

Maxine is survived by one sister, Irene Voigt, of Springfield, IL; one half sister-in-law, Charlotte Fisher, of Rockledge, FL; four sons, Denzil R. Neumann, of Kankakee, Rev. Douglas Neumann and his wife Connie, of Sterling, KS, Rev. Philip Neumann and his wife Betty, of Danville, IL, and David Neumann, of Urbana, IL; two daughters, Asenath Brunner and her husband Wilbert, of Kankakee, and Rebekah Adkins, of Knoxville, TN; 14 grandchildren, Barbara (Ron) Meitler, of Smith Center, KS, Staci (Larry) Fulbright, of Sterling, KS, Carla (Travas) Boeken, of Sterling, KS, Rev. Kevin (Mary) Brunner, of Camarines Sur, Philippines, Corina (Darren) Bray, of Chenoa, IL, Brenda (Army Chaplain Chris) Wyrick, of Springfield, MO, Michelle (Rev. Tim) Berlin, of Warren, MI, Kary (Sandy) Brunner, of Bentonville, AR, Kurt (Tabitha)

Brunner, of Essex, IL, Daniel (Jennifer) Neumann, of Newnan, GA, Angela Lane, Aaron (Jessica) Adkins, Scott Adkins, and Lori (Nathan) Hernandez, all of Knoxville, TN; 36 great grandchildren, Ronica, Kaden, Lucas Meitler, Max and Ty Fulbright, Derek, Brooke, Haddassah, and Jacynn Boecken, Stephanie (Peter) Schellenberger, Joshua, Caleb, Ethan, Sherrylee Bray, Alysse (Miguel) Rodriguez, Shane, Brynn, Carly, Paige Wyrick, Nathan (Taylor) Berlin, Stephen, Andrew, and Jonathan Berlin, Morgan, Karsan, Sydney, and Quinton Brunner, Kamdon, Tiffany, Meghan, and Hudson Brunner, Jason Neumann, Summer, Brandon, Dylan Lane, Ethan, Sarah, Jonah Adkins, and Alixander and Kailey Hernandez; and a great-great granddaughter, Juliet Asenath Berlin.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; two sisters, Ruby Deuschle and Helen Saylor; one son-in-law, Raymond Adkins; two granddaughters, Lisa Rene and Laura Beth Neumann; one grandson, Jason Derek Neumann; two great grandsons, Ryan Joseph Bray and Lincoln Andrew Brunner.

She was the greatest wife, mother, grandmother as could be attested by her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was always ready to speak to others about her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and praising Him for His blessings to her, through her life.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church in Kankakee. Rev. Scott Paisley will officiate. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Camp Assurance in Georgetown, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1925 S. Schuyler Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Whenever I think of Aunt Maxine I'll always remember her love for Christ; her steadfastness in the faith; her consistent Christian testimony, and her wonderful sense of humor. What a blessing to have known her and to have her as my aunt.

Mary Saylor Mook - June 06, 2017 at 03:34 PM

JH

“ My sympathy goes out to Dennis, Doug, Phil, Asenath, David, and Becky, and all the family. I have so many fond memories of Maxine. It was she who answered many questions I had about Jesus and the Bible. She was a sweet and caring lady! My thoughts and prayers are with you!

Joanne Higgins - June 06, 2017 at 03:26 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Neumann, ever time I sing, Old Rugged Cross, my heart always go to you and our Savior. Thank you for all of your prayers, especially during the hard time when I lost my own mom. I KNOW you kept me lifted in prayer. I remember coming to your house to check on you when Denny and Aseaneth were on vacation. Although I thought I would have a short visit, it was one of the sweetest 2 & half hours ever. 😊 Your sense of humor and wit came out during that visit and I'll cherish that time always. I'm going to miss you so much. I love you. ❤️💔

Lovice Brinkman - June 05, 2017 at 07:41 PM



Mrs. Neumann was the picture of a true Christian wife, mother, auntie, sister, grandmother, cousin, or neighbor. She and Pastor Neumann were truly a blessing to the Care and Share group at Grace Baptist Church. They were always so willing to go tent camping with this group. It was Mrs. Neumann who taught us how to cook over the open fire at our camp site. She was such an inspiration to all of us and we loved her and Pastor Neumann unconditionally. She will be missed by all of us who love her.

Beulah Pennell - June 09, 2017 at 12:03 PM

GD

“ *so thankful for all her prayers for us ill bet she is now asking the Lord in our behalf Pastor and Mrs Neumann was a great help to me in some of my hard times they were always there Loved them will miss them Ron Dygert*

Gerry Dygert - June 05, 2017 at 09:21 AM

 Carol Ehmke

“ *Sending my Sympathy to all of you at this sad but celebratory time for you. Your mom is remembered of being such a sweet sweet lady. A perfect example of what a pastors wife should look like. Always welcoming us into her home. She was so cute and humorous and witty. She loved to have fun and create fun. I will never forget the great Halloween parties in your little basement. All the times invited over to play with Becky. The Few singspirations at your home. (I was pretty young so didn't always get to go). She was the best Missionary flannel graph story teller in the world. She sure raised some great kids too. Enjoy bringing back the memories as you all get together. Wish we could be with you. Praying for you all. Carol (Fitzgerald) Ehmke (from the Calvary Baptist Estherville, Ia days)*

Carol Ehmke - June 04, 2017 at 09:22 AM

WR

“ *Mrs. Neumann was at the top of the list of being a wonderful caring Pastors wife! She was a good example for others that became Pastors wife's! Will always remember her sweet smile 😊! I would like the family to know they have my deepest sympathy but is with our Heavenly Father, so rejoicing for her and the family also!*

Winnie. Roach - June 03, 2017 at 07:16 PM