



Wanda Crater

June 6, 1933 - November 13, 2011

Wanda L. Crater, 78, of Lehigh Acres, Florida passed away November 13, 2011.

She was born June 6, 1933 in Barberton, Ohio the daughter of Leslie and Elizabeth (Piekkola) Folger.

She graduated as Valedictorian of her class at Roscoe High School. She visited all 50 states including driving to Alaska. She loved spending time with her family and she always enjoyed Thanksgivingmas. She enjoyed golfing and traveling very much.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her loving husband of 56 years, Gordon Crater, 6 children, Penny Lee (Greg) Sabrosky, Bradley (Melissa) Crater, Gregory (Sue) Crater, Mark (Karen) Crater, Jeffrey Crater, and Tamara (Stefan) Farrell, sister Marian Humphrey and brother Allen (Carol) Grace, 20 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at McGregor Baptist Church Friday 11/18/2011 at 2PM

An additional Memorial Service will be held in Coshocton Ohio at Central Christian Church Saturday 11/26/2011 at 11:00AM

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Wanda's loving memory may be made to Hope Hospice or McGregor Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 239-274-0088. Online condolences may be made at www.gendronfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

memorial service

NOV **18**. 12:00 PM (ET)

McGregor Baptist Church
3750 Colonial Blvd
Fort Myers, FL

memorial service

NOV **26**. 12:00 AM.

Central Christian

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Crater*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Wanda Crater*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Phil and I were so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Wanda ? wife, mother and grandmother. We have many fond memories of each of you as our neighbors on Cogswell Drive. In those early years, when nearly all of the neighborhood children were at Cumberland School, Wanda always seem to be the first one in line to drive on field trips, bake cookies for the PTA, or lend a hand to help a neighbor. We also remember the scrumptious offerings she brought from her kitchen to our neighborhood potluck picnics! Wanda was a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit. We remember the last time we saw you and Wanda in Lansing, Gordon. She glowed with pride as she talked about each of your children and grandchildren. She loved you all so much. Phil and I feel so blessed in having been able to cross paths with her, as well as each of you, on our journey through life. God bless?*

Phil and Karen Douglas

Phil and Karen Douglas - November 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Gordon & Family...Ron & I want to send our condolences to you and your family at this sad time. A candle has been lit and prayers said in her memory. I so remember when Roy & Daun went to Hawaii (all those many years ago) and you both helped us make it through 4 kids and 2 weeks. God bless you all in your search for peace and tranquility.

Love, Dawn & Ron Hansen

Dawn & Ron Hansen - November 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sending you my deepest sympathy for the loss of Wanda. My prayers are with you and your family.

Joe Stevens and Sandra Stevens (deceased)

Joseph Stevens - November 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Wish I could be there
Love
Stefan

Stefan Farrell - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ The times we shared with Wanda and Gordon were precious to us. The golf games, Kentucky Lakes and especially our joyous dinners together were filled with laughter. We always agreed that our families were are greatest source of joy.

Wanda absolutely lit up the room she was in. A spirit that will be missed, but not forgotten.

Frank & Ruth Femali - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I consider Wanda to be one of my very best friends. What memories we have - Indians, houseboats, football games, shopping trips - a wonderful 45 years. My heart has a big hole in it. To you, Gordon, and all your family, love and heartfelt sadness from Roy and I.

Daun Ketcheson - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Gordon, I can't express how sorry I am with your loss and heaves gain. Can't you just see our 2 mates having a good time and talking away. Know Duane was surprised to see her so soon. Love you in the Lord and we know he will see us through all of this. Dee

Dee Waite - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I spent a lot of years loving Wanda Crater. I have not been around the family much these past years but Wanda is still a very special part of my childhood memories. What I remember about her most is her love and affection for her family--and because of this, I feel truly blessed to have been part of her life.

Mr. Crater,

56 years of marriage!!! Wow! I cannot even imagine how much your heart hurts and misses her being near you. I hope you will find some comfort in knowing she is with God now and hurts no more. I truly believe Mrs. Crater lived a full and happy life, which you were a big part of for nearly 60 years. Ashley told me how you were her rock all the way up until the end. I pray for you most because I know now your rock is gone. I want to extend my deepest condolences and hope I bring a smile to your face in this troubled time. Mrs. Crater will truly be missed!

Penny,

I was looking at these photos of your mom and I still cannot believe how much you look like her. You are both such beautiful women! I want to offer you and your family my condolences and let you know my prayers are with you.

Brad,

I am sorry I cannot be there during this very sad time in your life. Your mother was a role model for you the way you were to me. I share some very fun memories of you and your parents on the golf course... where I mainly just drove the golf cart into things but they are very near and dear to me during this time. I am very sorry to hear about your family's loss and hope to catch up soon.

Mark, Greg, & Jeff,

Be strong for your dad. I know he needs you guys. Your mother was a great woman and you are lucky to have had her as your mom. My prayers are with you guys and your families.

Tammy,

I think I know you best from all of the Crater Clan and I know how deeply you feel. It is what I think your mom loved about you most. You are the baby in the family but have always been very strong. I know you will be the rainbow at the end of this storm. I love you very much and hope you and your family remember all the wonderful memories your mom left behind.

*All the grand kids and great-grand kids,
Help keep your parents strong and your grandpa too. You all act so well as ONE during a time of need and I know you can pull each other through this. I am very sorry for your loss and want you to know I am praying for you all too!*

Finally, I would like to post a poem for the family that always makes me feel a little better with the passing of a loved one...

*"God looked around his garden,
and He found an empty place.*

He then looked down upon this Earth, and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.

*He knew you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never,
get well on Earth again.*

He saw that the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,

So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace by Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home."*

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN-

God Bless Crater Clan!

Rayna - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *The Craters- who could have dreamed up a cooler family to live next to when I was growing up. All the kids, the commotion and in the center, calm and smiling, Mrs. Crater. We were lucky to have them as neighbors and friends and I always smile whenever I remember life On Cogswell avenue and Mrs. Crater is a huge reason. Miss her we may, but live on she will in our hearts.*

Scott Ketcheson - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *We are sadden with Gordon and family with the home going of Wanda but rejoice that she is in the presence of the Lord that she loved so much. We will cherish the many precious memories of our times together and will miss her smile and twinkling eyes.*

Nic & Glenna - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Dear Tamara and family--sending deepest sympathies to you. Keeping your mom and all in my prayers. May God surround you all with love and peace and strength.
Love, Aunt Bonnie*

Bonnie Gurzenda - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I have so many great memories of Wanda. She was very dear to me and I am blessed to have known her. She will always have a very special place in my heart. I send my wishes of peace and comfort to Gordon and family.

Tina Burkitt - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Gordon & Family, so sorry for your loss. But we have the Blessed Hope and will see our dear Wanda in Heaven with Jesus! Bless you all as you enter into this grieving process. Let Jesus be your comfort!

Larry & Ginger Sauvageot - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ My prayers go out to you and your family.

Nichole Martin - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Love the picture of Wanda. What a great friend and a lovely soul she was. We extend our deepest sympathy to all of the Crater family

Ray and Reba Witter - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Gordie, you are still in our prayers and we know ALL of you will really miss Wanda. We will too - wanted another golf date with y'all :) Wanda was so much fun to be around no matter what we were doing. A VERY gracious sweet woman/friend! May God continue to bless you and your family of (numbers?) We hope to see you soon. Love you, Dick and Carol

Richard & Carol Van Gilder - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Wanda L. Crater.*

November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mr. Crater, Penny, Brad, Greg, Mark, Jeff and Tammy, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Mrs. Crater as a very sweet lady who was always smiling (just like in her picture!). When our family moved to Cogswell Drive in 1966, I remember my dad telling me she was the first person he met (as she was pushing Tammy in a stroller =). I am praying for you and holding you all close in my heart....*

Love, Wendy Bates

Wendy (Douglas) Bates - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *When I was growing up on Cogswell Drive I always felt that I had another set of parents who watched over me from across the street. Wanda and Gordon were a great influence on me in my days of youth and I am the richer for it. I hold them in the highest regard and both your Mom and Dad occupy a secure place in my heart.*

Anthony Whyte - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM