

Doris Margaret Wigand, age 95, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at The Ridgeview LeSueur Medical Center, Le Sueur, MN.

Doris was born November 10, 1925 in Blakeley Township, Scott County, MN to Paul and Adina (Malz) Brandt. She was baptized on November 29, 1925 and confirmed on April 2, 1939 at St. Paul's Church. She attended Henderson Public School and graduated June of 1943. She graduated from Mankato Teachers College in August of 1944 and taught in Adrian and Winnebago.

On June 15, 1947, she married Sylvester Wigand at St. Paul's UCC. They farmed on the family farm where they raised their four children. Doris remained active in the church choir, Sunday School and Women's Guild. She returned to college to earn her 4 year degree from Mankato State College and taught in the elementary school in Henderson for 28 years, retiring in 1991, then continuing on as a substitute teacher and volunteer for many years.

After the death of her husband in 1994, volunteering became a way of life for her. Her volunteer activities included being Sibley County representative on Region Nine Agency for the Aging, Sibley County DAC Board, Community Education Advisory Council, Sibley County Food Share, Sibley County Historical Society, Henderson Public Library Board and Friends of the Library, LeSueur Hospital Auxiliary, Hospice of LeSueur, the LSH Continuing Education Committee, Henderson Bloodmobile, and Ladies Tourist Club, GFWC. In 2014, Doris moved to Sibley Estates in Henderson and since 2017 she has resided at Oak Terrace of LeSueur.

Doris is survived by daughter, Lois (Lance) Twedt of Inver Grove Heights, daughter LaDonna (Tom) Bender of Henderson, son, Larry (Stephanie) Wigand of Henderson and son in law, Eric Penn of St. James, MN, and by grandchildren Chad Penn, Carlie (Brian) Olson, Cory (Hannah) Penn, Lucas (Allie) Twedt, Logan (Molly) Twedt, Shayne (Allison) Bender, Lynnea (Cody) Wetzels, Taryn (Erik) Rice, Sydnie (Jared) Graff, Connor (Nicole) Wigand, Chance (special friend, Paige Lachelt) Wigand and Sierra Wigand. She is also survived by great grandchildren Tanner, Cooper and Sawyer Olson, Kayla and Khloe Penn, Carson Laumeier, Cole and Caitlyn Twedt, Ethan Twedt, Ava, Jaxson and Shay Wetzels, Danielle Rice, Emersyn and Asher Graff, sister Adella (Ewald) Gruetzmacher and sister in law, Beverly Brandt plus many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester, daughter Laurel Penn, parents Paul and Adina Brandt, brothers Norris and Donald Brandt and sister in law, Doris Brandt.

Anyone who knew Doris knew how much she loved angels, and she will now live on as guardian angel of all who loved her.

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the life of
Doris Margaret Wigand
November 10, 1925 to March 31, 2021



St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Henderson, Minnesota
Saturday, April 3, 2021
12 Noon

Organ and Piano Prelude

Ring of the Bell

***Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me – The Golden Oldies Version* *see insert*

Call to Worship

I am the resurrection and the life; all who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:25

God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go. Psalm 91:11

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation. Hebrews 1:14

The Son of Man will soon come in the glory of his Father and with his angels to reward all people for what they have done. Matthew 16:27

Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, “My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me.”

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, “When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?”

The king will answer, “Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.”

Matthew 25:35-40

Hymn *Because He Lives* *see insert*

Meditation

Family Remembrances

Solo **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** Sandi Anderson

23rd Psalm

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

Commendation

Committal

Solo **Amazing Grace (My chains are Broken)** Jared Graff

*Benediction

*Postlude

Organist **Barb Straub**
Pianist **Art Straub**
Soloists **Sandi Anderson** **Jared Graff**

Officiating Pastor: **Reverend Debra A. Meyer**