



Almeda A. Davis

June 26, 1925 - August 31, 2019

Almeda Davis (Grams), age 94, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 31, 2019, at Bickford Assisted Living and Memory Care where she lived for the past three years. Almeda was born on June 26, 1925, in Wanatah, IN, to the late George and Minnie (Rosenbaum) Kralis. Almeda was also preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Davis; her first husband, Bob Kummerer; sister Jeanette (Nettie) Nuske, brothers Bill and Rich Kralis; son-in-law, Tom McMullen; and brothers-in-law Moreland Nuske and Howard Benkie.

Almeda will be missed dearly by her loving family. Left to cherish her memory are her children and their spouses: Sharon and John Dull, Sandy McMullen, and Mike and Liz Davis all of Lakes of the Four Seasons; grandchildren: Stephanie and Jeff Owen, Ashley Davis, Christie Mellis, and Michael Davis; great grandchildren: Liam Owen, Abigail Mellis, Grace Mellis, Austin Davis, and Oliver Bruncker; sisters Donna Benkie and Jeanie Watson; brother-in-law Dean Watson; and many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.

Raised in Wanatah, Almeda was a graduate of Wanatah High School where she proudly won a Latin contest. Eddie and Almeda were married on March 2, 1958, and lived in Aetna, Miller, and then moved to LOFS in 1973. In her early life, she worked for Bill's Poultry in Gary, a business started by her father George and run by her two brothers. For over 25 years, Almeda worked as a

merchandise manager at Montgomery Ward in the Village Shopping Center in Gary and then at Century Mall in Merrillville with her lifelong friend Valerie Velasco. She absolutely loved her job but chose to retire at age 65 to spend time with her young grandchildren.

Almeda loved children, traveling, dancing and music, family gatherings and parties, the holidays especially Christmas, the Four Seasons, and her yard and flowers. She was a fabulous cook and made the best chicken and noodles and potato salad ever. But most of all, she was a beautiful lady with a generous heart who loved her family and inspired us all with her kindness.

Almeda's family would like to thank very special friends and caregivers Christy Such, Elyse Schurg, Eunita Flowers, Lilli Johnson, Sandy Thornberry, Dawn Kirk, Bernique Joanes, Algerina Nunnally, the Bickford staff, and the VNA Hospice for the tender loving care they provided throughout her illness.

Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 am-11:00 am at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral services will be held immediately following the visitation at 11:00 am. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery in Wanatah. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Salem United Church of Christ, 302 South Main Street, PO Box 205, Wanatah, IN 46390.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

Wanatah , IN

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ I just found out today about Almeda's passing. My mom, Becky Stulac, worked with her at Wards for many years. She, my dad, and I loved her and Ed so very much. We valued our friendship with them and enjoyed socializing with them. I will never forget the night she and Val came to Methodist Hospital to comfort us when my dad was near death. They were with us until after 1 a.m. until my dad was out of the woods. Good friends like that don't come along that often and it meant the world to my mom and I. The last time I saw Almeda was at Ed's wake. My parents had both passed by then and I lost track of her. She was such a classy lady, beautiful both inside and out. We all loved her!

Mary DeLuna

MARY DELUNA - February 17 at 03:37 PM



“ I love you so much Grandma. I think of you every day and tell my son all the things I can remember. I can still hear your voice and see your face without a second thought.

I will always remember the love you showed me. I love you Gramz:)



Mike Davis - August 10, 2023 at 12:59 PM

SU

“ All of us at Salem United Church of Christ extend our sympathy regarding the death of Almeda. Many in our church family remember her and her sister and brothers. May she rest in peace.

Pastor Victoria S. Ubben

Salem UCC - September 06, 2019 at 04:36 PM

SN

“ I met Almeda many years ago when I was working at Ayres in the shoe department, we talked a lot about working in retail and she gave me lots of good advice on how to deal with customers!!! She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Sandi Nicol

Sandi Nicol - September 06, 2019 at 09:14 AM

BM

“ Almeda, "Meda", Grams, known by so many names, was one of the sweetest women you could know. To all of us, friends of her children, she was the Mom we all wanted to have. My children and I were lucky enough to have been the benefit of her generous heart and my love for her is never ending. God Bless you "Meda"

*Love,
Eric, Barb, Rick and Shelly*

Barbara Miller - September 05, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Almeda A. Davis.



September 04, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Almeda A. Davis.



September 04, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ I worked for Almeda for 4 years at Montgomery Wards. She was the most beautiful woman inside and out. I remember her beautiful smile, laugh and always dressed to the t and never a hair out of place. She would always have me get her a half pound mix of cashews and sesame sticks at the back of the store where they sold them and also go to Chuck Wheelers to get her a polish sausage. She also gave me a great deal on my wedding dress. Almeda was a terrific boss with lots of class and made my job as her cashier a memorable one. RIP and fly among the angels my friend! Janice Oliver



Janice Oliver - September 04, 2019 at 08:54 AM



Sandy McMullen, just saw obit late tonight. My condolences to you & your family. I was honored to help care for mom when we did, but the credit goes to Dawn. I wish we could have helped again later but am glad she had good care till the end. You were a wonderful daughter to her & no matter what, she knew that. Take care, RIP Almeda. Growing up in Gary, we shopped at Ward's in the Village alot, then years later, I bought many things at Ward's Century Mall. Probably ran into mom a time or two! Take care, my sympathies to you & your whole family, she was a special lady.

Nancy Buckley/Personal Care Coordinator - September 04, 2019 at 11:34 PM

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“ Aunt Meda was always a gifted hostess. When she greeted you in her home, she made you feel like the most important person in her life.

I will remember the special sparkle she brought to our family celebrations.

Mikie Wilson Werner (niece) - September 03, 2019 at 06:47 PM

CM

“ I worked for Almeda at Wards in the Village one summer while I was in college. Never forgot her! She was beautiful, elegant, and a magnificent manager.

Claudia Shapley Murtaugh - September 03, 2019 at 01:36 PM