



## Eileen Wirtz

October 27, 1932 - April 16, 2024

Eileen Wirtz, 91 of Carroll and formerly of Davenport, died Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at The Vistas at Bettendorf in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the First United Methodist Church in Carroll with Rev. Terry Plocher officiating. Music will be by Ellen Severin. Burial will be in the Carroll City Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the First United Methodist Church prior to the funeral service. A Livestream of Eileen's services can be found at the following link: <https://carrollunitedmethodist.org/livestream>

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Eileen's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Eileen Clara Besch, the daughter of Frank and Bernice (Simmons) Besch was born October 27th, 1932 in West Bend, Iowa. She married her high school sweetheart H. Allen Wirtz on August 29, 1953 in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Eileen loved her family. She was a pastor's wife and a homemaker. In earlier years she worked at Folwell's Cards & Gifts in Davenport, wrapping many gifts

perfectly. She was a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport Iowa. After moving to Carroll, she volunteered at the Chamber of Commerce and at St. Anthony's hospital in Carroll. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Carroll.

Eileen enjoyed shopping, traveling, cooking, baking, and hosting social activities. She was very caring and loving, donating to many causes. She loved her children dearly, was a wonderful and of course perfect grandmother. She was known for her cookies and many boxes were sent to Ohio over the years.

Those left to honor her memory include her daughter Vicki McGowan, Moline, IL; son Harvey Allen (Nancy) Wirtz II, Glendale Heights, IL; grandchildren Melissa McGowan, Debbie Ann McGowan, Luther (Emily) Wirtz, Brendyn Wirtz, Sydney Wirtz; great grandchildren Olivia, Sydney Ann, Manuel, Brooklyn, and Flora; great great grandchildren Mikayla, Nyla and Marayah; sister JoAnn Reed of Mankato, MN and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Dr. H. Allen Wirtz, daughter Deborah Davis, brother Kenny Besch and sister Ellen McCullough.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sharp Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Eileen Wirtz



Sharp Funeral Home - April 24, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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“ I have known Eileen for 60 years, and she was a wonderful and giving friend. She shared much with my family -- needlework, afghans, fudge, and caramel rolls -- and always remembered birthdays and anniversaries. We talked almost every week, and sometimes daily. I will miss most our conversations and laughs. Our sincere sympathy,  
Liz and Steve Martyr and family

Elizabeth Martyr - April 21, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ Everytime I met your grandmother she was a sweetheart. RIP. 🙏🙏  
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Debbie Smith - April 20, 2024 at 11:48 PM

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“ Wirtz family: Eileen was a sweet woman to her family and all those who knew her. She worked hard, loved her family and lived each day as a great example for all of us. Our thoughts are with you all.  
Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll

Wes & CJ Niles - April 20, 2024 at 08:38 PM

KJ

“ *Eileen was a special lady, always smiling, always cheerful. I always enjoyed seeing her when she was shopping. She always had a smile when I would stop by to see her. She will be missed by many friends. May Eileen rest in peace. Kathy*

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**Kaathy Jones** - April 17, 2024 at 06:53 PM

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“ *To the family of Eileen, We will miss Eileen as she lived across the street from us. Thanks to her granddaughter Deb for keeping us posted. Eileen was a very special lady and was always grateful for us neighbors.*

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**Darlene Wiederin** - April 17, 2024 at 01:45 PM