



## Lorraine K Wempe

August 26, 1927 - January 16, 2022

Lorraine K. Wempe, age 94, of Halbur, died Sunday, January 16, 2022 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 22, 2022 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur. The Celebrant will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Music will be by Julie Sibbel and the St. Augustine Choir. Mass Servers will be Tim Sibbel and Carli Sibbel. Lector will be Lisa LaPenna. Gift Bearers will be Holly Janning and Laura Snyder. Eucharistic Minister will be Joan Rutten. Casket Bearers will be David Buelt, Allan Rutten, Jim Rutten, Denny Rutten, Michael Sibbel, and Michael Soppe. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Saturday morning at St. Augustine Church in Halbur.

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

Lorraine, the daughter of August and Kathryn (Soppe) Sibbel was born on August 26, 1927 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, Iowa. She attended St. Augustine School in Halbur. Following her education, she worked

as a “Nanny” for families in the Breda area.

Lorraine and Clarence B. Wempe were married on June 5, 1946 at St. Augustine Church in Halbur. The couple made their first home in Breda and then in 1956 moved to the Joe Sibbel farm southwest of Halbur. In 1984, after Lorraine and Clarence retired from farming, the couple moved to their home in Halbur. Lorraine and Clarence worked side by side as custodians for St. Augustine Parish for 19 years after they moved to Halbur. Lorraine was a lifetime member of the St. Augustine Ladies’ Guild. Lorraine was devoted to being a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, quilting, and doing volunteer work in her free time. She helped with many nursing home bingo events and crocheted many baby blankets for the Nursery at St. Anthony Regional Hospital. She had a strong devotion to her Catholic faith and attended mass regularly, received Holy Communion, was a member of the church prayer chain, and said her prayers and the rosary daily.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Margie Sibbel of Halbur; brother-in-law Dick (Mary Jo) Rutten of Carroll and by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 2010; her parents; brother, John Sibbel; sister, Ruth Rutten; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ben and Marita Buelt, Dennis and Marian Niceswanger, Donald, Vernon, and Marion Wempe, and by her parents-in-law: Joseph and Mary Wempe.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM.

St. Augustine Church

## Mass of the Christian Burial

JAN **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church  
324 W 2nd St  
Halbur, IA 51444  
(712) 658-2464

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Wempe Family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one, may she Rest in Pease.  
I pray your family and friends grieve with love in your hearts. May  
the good Lord open the gates above the clouds to accept her soul.  
Larry Koenig  
Colorado Springs, CO*

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**Larry Koenig** - February 10, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Lorraine K Wempe.*



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January 19, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Lorraine K Wempe.*



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January 19, 2022 at 09:21 AM

LD

“ We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Lorraine's family. I always enjoyed visiting with Lorraine. We were neighbors when I was young. I would call her (accidentally many times) when I was trying to call the Coop, where Glenn worked. We would have a nice chat, then I would try to dial the correct number. I will miss Lorraine's smile and friendly voice.



*Glenn and Lois Dentlinger*

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**Lois Dentlinger** - January 18, 2022 at 07:30 PM

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*I remember as a young girl visiting my Aunt Lorraine and Uncle Clarence when they lived on the farm. She was a strong and steady force. And she was always kind to me. In later years she would drive my Aunt Marita to visit my mother Marian (Clarence's) sister. We appreciated that! May she Rest In Peace.*

*Debra (Niceswanger) Davis*

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**Debra Davis** - January 19, 2022 at 08:58 AM

JN

*I also visited Aunt Lorraine when I was little. It was fun to be on an actual farm.*

*I remember briefly driving a tractor ( into a ditch ), Uncle Clarence immediately drove it. It seemed hard to steer for me, and I was only about 10 or 12 I suppose.*

*We jumped off a hay loft. I remember a kid my age that was invited over, that I now realize, was probably one of her nephews from her side of the family. He was a red head.*

*The two of us spent a large part of the day trying to cut timeber with an axe to make a fort.*

*She was a good hostess and made eggs for breakfast. I love eggs, but I have never had that much pepper on my eggs, before or since!*

*Rest In Peace Aunt Lorraine.*

*Al Niceswanger*

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**jAlan Niceswanger** - January 19, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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*should read " Uncle Clarence immediately drove it out "*

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**Alan Niceswanger** - January 19, 2022 at 12:11 PM

KD

*Because Buelt brothers married Soppe sisters, Lorraine was my double cousin, but we brothers and sisters always called her Aunt Lorraine. She and Uncle Clarence shared the house with my parents during the housing shortage when Dad came home from the Army and Clarence came home for the Navy after Word War II. One of my earliest memories is having a meal at their table. Family stories tell me Uncle Clarence put pepper on my egg. I wasn't used to that black stuff and didn't want even a bite of the egg. The couple knew about kids – they turned my egg over and I ate every bite. They were problem solvers and wonderfully kind to all us children. She will be missed by all.*

*Kay Buelt Davis  
Kent, Washington, USA*

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**Kay Buelt Davis** - January 19, 2022 at 01:37 PM