



## Nancy Jo Wickens

October 28, 1936 - May 30, 2017

Nancy Jo (Freeman) Wickens, 81, of Pierport, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 in Charlotte. She was born October 28, 1935 to William R. and M. Esther (Hall) Freeman. Nan graduated from Grand Ledge High School and attended Grinnell College in Iowa. She married Ronald Charles Wickens on August 27, 1955, together they raised three children. She trusted her faith in God to guide her through life.

Nan worked for John Curtis, DDS as a dental/office assistant and at Town and Country Animal Hospital as a receptionist. She was a member of Sparrow Women's Auxiliary and its Board. She volunteered at Eaton Township Board of Review, Center Eaton United Methodist Church where she also played the piano, and Plymouth Congregational Church. After her move to her beloved Pierport, MI home in 1992 she became a member of the Onekama Brethren Church.

Nan enjoyed socializing with her classmates from Grand Ledge, YMCA Sports Club and Sparrow Auxiliary. She was quick with a smile and she developed friendships everywhere she went. She was an excellent pianist, loved horses, dogs, cats, and tolerated numerous spider eggs hatchings on the kitchen counters and garter snakes in coat pockets. She will be greatly missed.

Nan is survived by daughter, Peggy (Jeff) Mariucci; son, David (Vicki)

Wickens; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Nan was preceded in death by her husband, Ron, her parents, her brother, William Freeman, and her daughter, Debra Jo (Wickens) DeLong.

The family wishes to make a special thank you to all of the wonderful staff at Sensations Memory Care. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Sensations Memory Care, 511 E Shepherd St, Charlotte, MI 48813 or the Manistee County Humane Society/Homeward Bound Animal Shelter, 736 Paws Trail, Manistee, MI 49660.

May her diamonds continue to sparkle on Lake Michigan.

Funeral services celebrating the life of both Nan and Ron will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with visitation prior from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Nan and Ron will be buried together at Deepdale Memorial Gardens. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Nan on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4108 Old Lansing Road  
Lansing  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Nancy Jo Wickens



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 01, 2017 at 09:19 PM



Thanks for capturing my mom and dad do wonderfully.

Peggy Mariucci - June 02, 2017 at 05:56 AM



A beautiful tribute.

Denise Rowell - June 02, 2017 at 07:52 AM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 01, 2017 at 09:16 PM

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“ Sincerely, Efficiency Production, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy Jo Wickens .



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**Sincerely, Efficiency Production, Inc.** - June 01, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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“ Nan was a fun and gracious person. She loved animals, including the chipmunks and squirrels on her deck. She and Ron both served the church with joy. They are missed.

*Rev. Frances Townsend, Onekama Church of the Brethren*

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**Frances Townsend** - May 31, 2017 at 10:13 PM

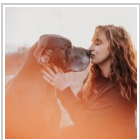
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“ Nan and Ron were members of our church, Onekama Church of the Brethren. Her sparkle and her good cheer always brightened the room around her. She was kind and thoughtful and inspired others to bring out our best selves. My prayers to her family.

*Wanda Joseph*

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**Wanda Joseph** - May 31, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ I remember visiting the lake house with family. Nancy was a very sweet woman. I can't imagine the loss of such a wonderful person to her family. My heart goes out to them, and to Fawn, Milo, and Olivia especially. I'm glad she was able to know them.

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**Jamminie Cricket** - May 31, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nancy Jo Wickens .*



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May 31, 2017 at 07:17 PM