



Nathalie Elizabeth Weseman

November 19, 1921 - March 19, 2021

Nathalie Elizabeth Weseman, 99 years young of Charlotte, a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died March 19, 2021 at her home of 66 years. Nathalie Elizabeth Wensing was born to William and Helen (Stroot) Wensing on November 19, 1921. Soon after her birth, Nathalie's father was diagnosed with a blood disease and passed away when she was only 4 years old. Being an "only child," Nathalie determined at an early age to one day have a large family of her own.

A graduate of Notre Dame of Quincy High School, Nathalie later attended Quincy College, where she joined a sorority and developed an interest in drama, where she played Juliet in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It was while a student at Quincy College, that she would meet the love of her life. One day while buying a book from her sorority sister, Elizabeth, she was introduced to her very own Romeo, Elizabeth's brother, Sid. From that moment on, Sid and Nathalie formed a bond that would last forever and shape both of their lives. Dancing together was one of their favorite pastimes.

When Sid signed up to serve in the Army Air Corps during WWII, Nathalie went to Iowa State where she earned a Bachelor's Degree as a Dietitian. Nathalie and Sid wed on April 22, 1944, while Sid was on leave. Nathalie went on to intern at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis as a Dietitian. She also worked at electrical equipment supplier, Square D,

managing food services for their facilities in Milwaukee. With the war over, Sid finished his schooling at Marquette, and the couple started a family. Several jobs, cities, and 7 children later, Nathalie decided the frequent moves were getting too hard on the family and that Charlotte was a great place to live so they made it their permanent home.

Nathalie and Sid enjoyed many adventures together, traveling near and far. In later years, they arranged many vacations with the entire family and enjoyed annual winter trips to the Gulf Coast. While not exactly a thrill seeker, when in her 60's, Nathalie rode the tallest roller coaster at Cedar Point. Despite not caring much for swimming, she always enjoyed summer outings to Yankee Springs, color tours up north, and an occasional pontoon outing or cruise.

Nathalie worked for many years at their convenience store where she was always a customer favorite and enjoyed serving the "regulars." She greatly enjoyed being active locally, being a member of St. Mary Catholic Church since moving to Charlotte and the St. Mary Women's Altar Society. She also worked on the Eaton County Election Commission after each election to certify the vote, was a frequent solicitor for Easter Seals, and has been a 50+ year member and former officer of the Charlotte Women's Club (GFWC), as well as singing with the GFWC Charlotte's chorus. Nathalie greatly enjoyed hosting holiday gatherings with family and loved a lively game of bridge with close friends.

Nathalie was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Sid Weseman. Nathalie is survived by her children: Sid III (Nancy Sinclair) Weseman of Chicago, IL; Marcus (Carolyn) Weseman of Knoxville, TN; Judith Weseman of Kenosha, WI; Aimee (Michael) Chartrand of Palmer, AK; Matt (Katie) Weseman of Idaho Falls, ID; Luke (Mary) Weseman of Allen, TX; John (Lori) Weseman of Vermontville, MI; as well as 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Friends are encouraged to support Nathalie's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at St. Mary Catholic Church at 11:00 A.M. in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at 10:00 A.M. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be practiced. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Nathalie's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests instead of flowers that memorial contributions be made to General Federation of Women's Clubs. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Nathalie on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Inactive - Palmyra Missouri Cemetery St Joseph Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
807 St Marys Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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I met Nathalie, mother of my dear friend Matthew, when we were classmates in high school. She was such a sweet, warm-hearted woman. No matter how many people were in a room with her, she had a way of making each individual there feel as though he or she was the most welcome and special. The entire Weseman family has meant a great deal to me and without a doubt, Nathalie's and Sid's role models for each of their children is a big part of why.

I could hear Nathalie telling Amie on her weekly phone calls about how the time before her first child left for college was the happiest time of her life. I teared up as Matt tried to explain his feelings about losing her. I laughed with the congregation as Luke relayed the disciplinarian nature of Nathalie's kitchen line-ups. Of all, I thought John's comments best captured the essence of Nathalie, her grace, her composure and her warmth. I cried as I listened to John talk about his mother - in part because it brought back a memory of John relaying kind words about my brother Scott at his funeral. I cried then too!

Thank you Weseman family, for sharing Nathalie and yourselves with me an my family!

Bruce Clarke

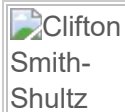
Bruce Clarke - March 24, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Nathalie Elizabeth Weseman*



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“ *Nathakue was such a wonderful, caring person. St.Mary's had a Scout Troop and Cub Pack. I believe that Sid was the Cubmaster and Nathalie was a Den Mother. It was at this time, I came you really know this wonderful woman. This was at a time that Channel 3 in Kalamazoo, Mi had a children's program in the afternoon, called the Beanie Brown Show. Nathalie arranged for the Pack to be the gallery on this live show. Circa 1957*

Clifton Smith-Shultz - May 15, 2021 at 01:23 PM

“ Having read all the wonderful tributes to my mother, I believe they well describe the essence of this remarkable woman. Her kindness and joy in living has touched so many lives, certainly mine.

I realized early on how fortunate I was to have such an intelligent, loving and beautiful woman as my mother. In fact, I decided that if I turned out half as well as she I'd be doing darn good.

Managing a family with 7 children was no small task, but she did it with skill and grace. She had an abiding interest in our lives, knowing our friends from childhood through adulthood. She loved a good conversation and held her own in many a varied discussion. I was always proud of her.

She co-led my Campfire group starting in 1st grade and kept it going every week for 8 years. Every other week the meetings were at our house. It was loads of fun with trips, projects, and campouts. We did an overnight at the old Camp Francis and cooked our suppers in tinfoil packets in the coals of the campfire. Back then I had no idea what a gift of her time that was to me and the other girls. With such a large family to take care of her time was at a premium, yet she gave it freely.

When in our early “20s” my husband and I chose Alaska as our home and moved to a remote area reachable by dog sled. Being so far from Michigan and the rest of the family at Christmas was tough but Mother made it special by every year sending us a big box filled with gaily wrapped presents along with homemade fruitcake and fudge. The excitement was high as we mushed the box home to our cabin. When we opened the presents on Christmas morning, we were never disappointed

As I've matured and have a family of my own, I can more readily appreciate what did she for us and the sacrifices she made which I may have taken for granted. I know that I have so much to be grateful for. She was always there for all of us through good times and bad, lending her support and encouragement. I once asked her how I could ever repay her for all that she had done for me. She responded that I should extend that kindness and care to my child and to the other people that I encounter in life. Pay it forward. Good words to live by.

Aimee Weseman Chartrand - March 27, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MC

“ *Nathalie was one of the kindest most gracious people I have ever known. Her beautiful smile will be with me for all of my life. I feel privileged to have known her, proud to be her son-in-law.*

Michael Chartrand

Michael Chartrand - March 27, 2021 at 05:16 PM

LW

“ *I have many fond memories of my family's yearly trips to Charlotte to visit Grandmother and Grandad. I remember English muffins, cereal, and the smell of coffee every morning. I remember lively games of poker and Pit, Christmas stockings full of fruit and candy, watching fireflies in the backyard in the summer, the sound of trains all night long, hearing Grandmother's beautiful singing voice in church (I especially remember her singing "On Eagle's Wings"), walks in downtown Charlotte and to the convenience store for a chat and a snack, and listening to the grown-ups play games and talk deep into the night. The mood at these family gatherings was always joyful and warm because that's the mood Grandmother and Grandad inspired. Grandmother cared deeply for her family, her friends, her town. She gave so much to other people. She was strong-willed, but light-hearted. She was thoughtful and sincere and generous. The last thing she said to me, while, from the hospital bed in her home, she watched my children play over video chat, was, "They're beautiful. Enjoy them." And then she smiled that Grandmother smile I am so familiar with. I will remember her all of my days.*

Laura Weseman

Laura Weseman - March 24, 2021 at 11:29 PM

DR

“ Prayers for your family John.
David D Rosier



David Rosier - March 24, 2021 at 10:28 PM

MM

“ Our sincere condolences go out to the Weseman family. We are sad that Nathalie is no longer with us in body but take comfort to know that her beautiful spirit remains strong in our hearts forever. She was a wonderful person, such an inspiration and life model. We feel blessed to have gotten to know her. I will miss an easy going chat with her. She was always so interesting to talk to, youthful. My lasting images are of Nathalie happily surrounded by her children in her house and picnicking outside the little trailer at Lacy Lake. Sid is with her in those images and there is peace and comfort being around the goodness of them.

Love to all!
Mike and Karen Milligan

Michael Milligan - March 24, 2021 at 09:22 AM

TD

“ My first memory of Nathalie was when she would come to bridge club. My mother, Laurel Pray would warn us not to touch the large bottles of Coca Cola and do NOT get into the bag of chocolate bridge mix. Aimee and I went to St Mary’s. Nathalie and my mother formed a Blue Bird and then Camp Fire Girls group for us. They were co-leaders. They found all kinds of fun projects for us to do. I especially remember the camping trip to Sand Lake one June. There were lots of fireflies everywhere.

I now live in the Chicago area, but I see Nathalie in church whenever we come back to Charlotte to visit. She has always been such a kind and lovely woman. Charlotte will miss her. May she rest in well deserved peace.

Terry Dougherty - March 23, 2021 at 06:04 PM

KW

“ I have so many joyful memories of Grandmother - From our childhood visits to Charlotte where she would pretend to ride an Amtrak train on the living room stairs with us to warm conversations at the kitchen table as an adult - She always took a genuine interest in my life and for that I am forever grateful. Her kindness and spirit will live on through all of those she touched.

Katy Weseman - March 23, 2021 at 11:56 AM

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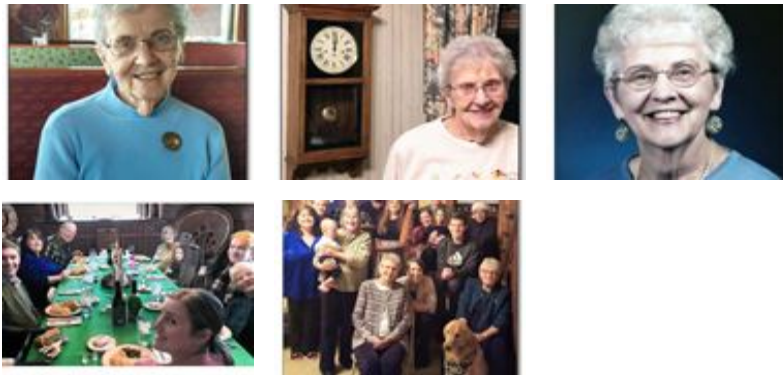
“ One my most vivid memories of growing up around the corner from the Weseman's occurred around supper time on many a summer's day. If I was in my backyard, I would often hear Mrs. Weseman's beautiful voice "singing" out her sons' names to tell them that it was time to come home. "Matthew, Mark, Luke, John....." I can hear it now. I also remember a very kind lady. My condolences to all my neighborhood playmates.

Alan Hanson

Alan A Hanson - March 22, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 22, 2021 at 12:24 PM

CM

Thank you so much for sharing these photos of your family! It is lovely to see you all again! I have great memories of running through the neighborhood back yards as we played games, and of performing plays in your garage. Your Mom was a sweetie, and it looks like she remained that way! Her obituary reads like a perfect life/love story! My sympathies to you all on the loss of a precious part of your family. I too, like my brother and sister, have always remembered her calling "Mathew, Mark, Luke and John!"

Sincerely, Chris Hanson Miller

Chris Miller - March 22, 2021 at 04:29 PM

NW

“ 12 files added to the album *Grandmother*



Nick Weseman - March 21, 2021 at 02:25 PM