



Lael Wiegele

May 19, 1939 - November 3, 2014

Lael Wiegele, 75 year old resident of Motley, MN passed away on Monday, November 3, 2014 at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, MN. A Visitation with friends and family will be one hour prior to services at church. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Lael Isabel (Giddings) Wiegele was born on May 19, 1939 in Onamia, MN. The daughter of Paul and Charlotte (Robbins) Giddings. Lael graduated from Onamia High School in the class of 1957. She was united in marriage to Everett Durant and to this union two sons were born. The couple later divorced and stayed friends over the years. On May 19, 1979 Lael married Larry Wiegele and they moved to the Lake Alexander area where they owned the Castaway Supper Club. Larry passed away on May 19, 1993. Lael continued living in the area where she worked at Edward Jones Investments. She was devoted to her family and extended Gold family. She was a Cub Scout den mother, little league mom, and she always made sure that everyone got a visit from Santa Clause. Lael liked to spend her time traveling with Don in his small plane, fishing, camping, and tending to her flowers. She enjoyed volunteering her time at the food shelf and her church. She was currently a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, MN.

Lael is survived by her son, Darrell Durant; loving companion, Donald Gold; brother, Jesse (Jackie) Giddings; grandson, Jesse Durant; daughter-in-law, Helen Durant; first husband, Everett Durant; special nieces & nephews, Nancy (Adam) Sylvia, Russ (Joann) Giddings, Craig (Laurie) Giddings, Pam (Curt) Barnes, Sandy (Rob) Neffzige; and many great nieces & nephews; Don's children, Mike (Cindy) Gold, Tom (Linda) Gold, Russell (Cindy) Gold, Stephanie (Al) Sjoberg, Terry (Mike) Emery; 9 grandchildren & 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Wiegele; parents, Paul and Charlotte (Robbins) Giddings; son, Darwin Durant; her sister, Shirley (Arden) Davis.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Staples
430 12th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479

Tribute Wall



“ *Lael Wiegele*

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“Lael was my grandmother. She was married to my grandfather years ago, she was his 3rd wife, not my actual grandmother. I wouldn't have known otherwise though, she was my grandma, regardless of blood. I had a fun, loving childhood, and I have so many fond memories growing up at the cabin with Lael and my grandpa, and even at the Castaway when they owned it. After my grandpa passed, she still remained family to me. Until her and my father had a falling out over my grandfather's estate, in which she took everything and gave my father nothing. After their falling out, she abandoned me. A child, her granddaughter, over an argument with my father. So, not only did I lose my grandpa to cancer, but she left me too, of her own free will and choice. I always wondered about her, wondered how she was, what she was up to, where life had taken her. I wonder still to this day, how she could have forgotten about me. What kind of person could she really be to do that to a child. I hear about her relationship with Don and his family, and it makes me happy to know she was happy and not alone, but it also makes me jealous and petty, cause I remember how easy it was for her to leave behind a grandchild. So, of course, when she died, no one informed me, but I suppose her new family didn't have a clue about me. I stumbled across her obit on accident actually, and was upset to find out that she died, but I was upset too, that her and I never got to talk again. I never had the chance to tell her how much she hurt me as a child, or about growing up, or school, or life, or anything. I never got the chance to tell her how much she meant to me, despite how she chose to exit my life. If I knew where she was buried, I would go tell her how I feel, but I don't get to know that either. Just that she isn't buried in the plot next to my grandfather that they had bought so many years ago together.

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lael Wiegele.*



November 14, 2014 at 02:22 PM



“ *Lael was one of the most positive and caring people I have known. Throughout her illness and treatments she never complained. She was a devoted member of Faith Lutheran and often told me joining Faith was one of the best things she ever did. Lael was devoted to Don and shared great memories of their time together. She so appreciated the love and kindness of the Gold children. Lael's two boy, Darr and wife Helen, and her grandson Jesse, and Darrel were very special people in her life. Her brother Jesse and wife Jackie, along with their children, were often in her conversations about the time spent together at the campgrounds. After falling I asked her to call every night so that I would know she was safely tucked in her bed. I miss that chat time as well as the other times we were able to share. God bless your memory. You will be missed. Love to a special friend, Mary Sperley*

Mary Sperley - November 09, 2014 at 05:32 AM