



Maxine Wolff

September 3, 1945 - December 27, 2025

Maxine Wolff, 80 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025 at her residence. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls, with Pastor Keith Bergstrom officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday and 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Wednesday, both visits at the church. Interment will be at Pike Lake Cemetery in Kensington, MN. Caring for Maxine and her family is LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Maxine Arlou Wolff was born at home in Pope County, MN to Alfred and Lottie Mattson on September 3, 1945. She was baptized and confirmed in the Kensington Covenant Church in Kensington. Maxine grew up on a farm southeast of Kensington, MN and graduated from the Kensington High School in the class of 1963. She attended college at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and St Cloud State, majoring in music and physical education. Maxine was always very active in school and community activities, involved in 4-H, cheerleading, playing trumpet in high school and college band, and using her piano talents in church, school, and community events. Maxine was a farm girl through and through, spending many hours driving tractors and working with livestock in her teen years. It was there that she learned the value of hard work.

In the fall of 1963 at UMM, Maxine met Les Wolff and the two were married on July 3, 1966, at Kensington Covenant Church. While Les attended Pharmacy

College in Minneapolis, Maxine worked at the University of Minnesota Police Department in the parking division. After Les' graduation, the couple moved to Little Falls for a job opportunity and stayed to build a life and raise their three daughters. Maxine was a gifted church musician and accompanist for nearly 70 years. She wanted to share the love of Jesus in meaningful and memorable ways. She encouraged others to participate and express their faith through music by directing numerous Sunday School programs, youth musicals, the Youth for Christ singing group Voices in Praise (VIPS), The Savior Singers, adult choir church cantatas and helping many prepare special instrumental and vocal music for services. She continued to play piano and organ for services at Grace Covenant, First United Church and throughout the larger community. Maxine always worked hard and thus accomplished many things, working at numerous jobs and volunteering at many organizations. She loved working with 4-H and was active for over 25 years. She gave private piano lessons for over 30 years, teaching hundreds of students, and accompanied for many years of LFCHS solo/ensemble contest participants. She was co-owner of Wolff Drug and Gift stores for 24 years and was well-known for the holiday decorations in her home. Family meant everything to Maxine. You rarely saw Maxine without the best friend and love-of-her-life, Les, and daughter Kristi. She was a proud mom and grandmother, traveling to many concerts, ball games and dance recitals through the years. She loved black, white and red, and anything with a little sparkle, and loved to decorate and host gatherings of family and friends. People did not leave hungry.

Maxine is survived by her husband of 59 years, Leslie Wolff; her daughters: Kay Wolff of New York, NY, and Kristi Wolff of Little Falls; grandchildren: Cody (Michele) Hickman of Morris, Cassey (Kyle) Wittenburg of Wyndmere, ND, Calley (Nate Goff) Hickman of Alexandria, Correy (Brady) Birch of Jamestown, ND, and Cortney (Joey Krenz) Hickman of Norcross, Ella Wolff-Niewood of New York, NY and Benjamin Wolff Niewood of New York, NY; great-grandchildren: Beau, Annie, Brynne, and Myla Hickman of Morris, and

Eleanor, Emmet, Emerson, and Elliot Wittenburg of Wyndmere, ND; brothers: Rodger Mattson of Farwell, and Gerald (Carla) Mattson of Kensington; brother-in-law Lyle Maanum of Farwell; sisters-in-law: Patricia (Roger) Haugen of Dawson, Ramona (Dale) Thompson of Dawson, Joan (Paul) Nesvold of Watertown; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and many friends.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents: Alfred and Lottie Mattson; sister, Marlene Maanum; sister-in-law, Patricia Mattson; daughter, Karie Hickman; son-in-law, Todd Hickman; and grandniece, Taylor Mattson.

Cemetery Details

Pike Lake Cemetery

36125 110th Street
Kensington, MN 56343

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church
17117 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN 56345

Visitation

DEC **31**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Maxine Wolff*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 29, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DS

“ *Dear Les and family,
While I was sorry to hear of Maxine’s passing from this world, I rejoice with you in the hope we share as believers. I’ve already written to another that I write of those who go before is in the present; yes, they’re gone for now, but we will be reunited with them soon and forever in the the presence of the one who stands with us, even now.*

While it has been a long time since I sat with you, Maxine and your girls, you all left a lasting impression on me. I will continue to recall Maxine in her exuberance, her joy and her love. I know the Holy Spirit is with you and I have every confidence will continue to be the great Comforter to you in the coming days and weeks until you see Maxine again.

Daniel Scherling

Daniel Scherling - January 02 at 07:05 PM

GS

“ *Greg S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Wolff.*

Greg S. - January 02 at 03:10 PM

PH

“ Phenisher H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Wolff.

Phenisher H. - December 31, 2025 at 01:37 AM

JL

“ Oh how I do remember Maxine....the hearty laugh, beaming smile, and just so ready to make a great day for whomever she met. I am so sorry for your loss and will smile a few times more in memory of Maxine.

Jean Litke - December 30, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine Wolff.



December 30, 2025 at 12:48 PM

AS

“ Alissa S. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Maxine Wolff.



Alissa S. - December 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM

AS

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Alissa S. - December 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM

EW

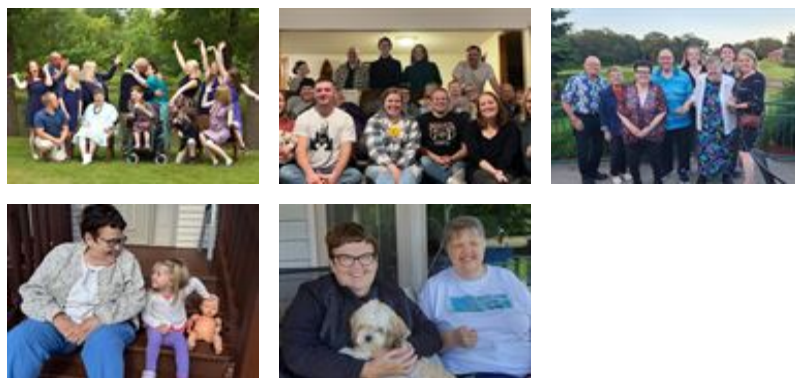
“ Eric D Wright purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maxine Wolff.



Eric D Wright - December 29, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 29, 2025 at 03:44 PM

WM

“ Wynton Marsalis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Wolff.

Wynton Marsalis - December 29, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Wolff.



December 29, 2025 at 01:25 PM

MA

“ *Music Library & Archives purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maxine Wolff.*



Music Library & Archives - December 29, 2025 at 09:32 AM

KT

“ *Les and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Maxine was such a kind hearted soul. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - December 29, 2025 at 03:24 AM

SF

“ *Sherman Irby & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maxine Wolff.*



Sherman Irby & Family - December 28, 2025 at 06:29 PM

CC

“ *C&T at Jazz at Lincoln Center purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Maxine Wolff.*



C&T at Jazz at Lincoln Center - December 28, 2025 at 06:25 PM

CM

“ Gentle hugs, prayers, and condolences go out to Karie's family as well.

Claudette Moran - December 28, 2025 at 05:43 AM

CM

“ Gentle hugs, prayers, and condolences go out to Katie's family as well.

Claudette Moran - December 28, 2025 at 05:41 AM

TT

“ Our deepest sympathies



Tate and Kathi Tetrick - December 27, 2025 at 10:32 PM

CM

“ To Lea, Kay, Kristi and the Wolff family, gentle hugs, prayers and and condolences go out to you and your family. Maxine will be missed tremendously to the Little Falls community, especially with the Morrison County 4H community, and fellow musicians that worked with her, whether it was the Hole In the Day Players, or school functions and piano lessons. She was a blessing to Grace Covenant Church as well! May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand. Blessed be her memory.



Claudette Moran - December 27, 2025 at 09:48 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Maxine. She was such a kind and loving person. May she rest in peace. Love Linda and Dave Burggraff



Linda Burggraff - December 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM

KP

“ I am devastated Maxine and I played for years at First United! I will definitely miss her. She was definitely my fellow musician

Kathy Pederson - December 27, 2025 at 07:16 PM

TP

“ Trudee Preimesberger lit a candle in memory of Maxine Wolff



Trudee Preimesberger - December 27, 2025 at 06:36 PM

DD

“ Dawn & David lit a candle in memory of Maxine Wolff



Dawn & David - December 27, 2025 at 03:23 PM

DJ

“ Deepest Sympathies to Les and family ❤️🙏❤️ Hugs & Prayers to All

Dawn & David Janson - December 27, 2025 at 03:22 PM

BN

“ Our deep condolences for Les & your family. Maxine was one of the kindest people I've ever had the privilege to meet. I will always be so grateful that she played for my son's funeral. She was so talented and her love of serving our Lord was always evident. She will be missed by so many...she touched many lives and will not be forgotten. Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus dear Maxine. You are home with the King...your father! ❤️ Bonnie & John Nagel

Bonnie Jo Nagel - December 27, 2025 at 11:22 AM