



Ida Mae Fife

January 30, 1942 - July 28, 2021

Ida Mae Fife, 79, of Laddonia passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at her home.

Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory of Bowling Green. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Ida was born in Elysian, Minnesota on January 30, 1942 to Howard Simons and Olive Clarke. She was united in marriage to John Fife on June 24, 1967 at the Nazarene Church in Mora, Minnesota, where they had met two years prior. He survives.

Also surviving are children: Gay Lynn Fife of Laddonia, Jennifer Fife of Laddonia, Jay Fife (Sara) of Peculiar, Missouri, and Vivian Braxton (Donald) of Warr Acres, Oklahoma; grandchildren: Spencer and Henry Fife, and Inari, Elliot, Theoni, and Emmerik Braxton; brothers: Marvin Simons and Leonard Simons of Minnesota; sisters: Phebe Knudson and Carrie Ringler of Minnesota; half-sibling, Virginia Lench (Paul of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents; and half-siblings: Rhea Swoboda, Robert Swoboda, Wilma Taute, and Edward Swoboda.

Ida grew up in Mora, Minnesota. She was a 1960 high school graduate, then moving on to earn her Bachelor's degree in education at Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Oklahoma. She later earned her Master's degree in Business Education at Michigan State University.

Ida taught school while living in Michigan. Ida and John relocated to Colorado Springs, Colorado when John answered a calling from the Lord to attend Nazarene Bible College. Ida taught night classes at a Junior College. John later accepted a pastorate in Missouri. John and Ida became members of the Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene family. Ida worked as a part-time dispatcher for the Vandalia Police Department and later for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. In March of 1996, she went to work at the Department of Corrections women's facility in Vandalia, retiring in 2010.

Ida enjoyed watching her daughter play sports. She also enjoyed reading novels and watching The Game Show Network in her free time. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and traveling back to Minnesota to visit with friends and family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Ida Mae Fife.*



October 13, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *I really liked Ida. She was the "go to person" in the Personnel Dept. at WERDCC. She was well educated and informed about policies. I will never forget the "Ida" method of retirement. She just walked away and never told anyone she was retiring. We talked for a long time about the "Ida" Retirement Plan. Rest in Peace dear one.*

Paulette Bruch - August 06, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *She was a great lady. I was a nurse at a facility where she was for a short time. She and John were very nice*

Wanda Harrison - August 04, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Ida Mae was a wonderful lady. I know she will be greatly missed by her family & friends. She was a special friend to me. Condolences to her family. Comfort & love too. Susan Traynor*

Susan Traynor - August 03, 2021 at 08:20 PM

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“ I met Ida when I came to Werdcc she was an amazing woman with a heart of gold. She genuinely cares about everyone she met. Later in life I had the pleasure of cutting her hair many many times at Smart Style in Hannibal. Although Ida didn't remember me, me and her husband and girls shared some great stories of her. You will be missed sweet lady.. R.I.P

Kala Gollaher - July 31, 2021 at 10:09 AM