



Nellie Winters

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Nellie Margaret (Isringhausen) Winters was born at home in Richwood Township, Jersey County, IL, on April 9, 1933, to the late Marvin Earl and Nellie Marguerite (Walz) Isringhausen. She died at her home in Jerseyville, IL, on January 4, 2011, after a brief illness.

She married A/IC Paul Wayne Winters of Jerseyville at Fieldon Evangelical and Reformed Church in Fieldon, IL, August 10, 1952. They celebrated 43 years of marriage before his death on October 15, 1995.

She was a member of the Fieldon Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Champaign, and St. John's United Church of Christ in Brighton before becoming a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Jerseyville. During those years, she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and confirmation classes. She also served as treasurer, financial secretary, and as a member of the church council.

A 1950 graduate of Jersey Community HS, she earned a Diploma in Nursing from Washington University in St. Louis, MO, in 1953, and a BA from Eastern IL University in 1976. She became certified in School Nursing through the IL State Board of Education that same year.

She was employed as a nurse at hospitals in Victoria, TX, Urbana, IL, Alton, IL, and Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville, as well as an office nurse in Champaign, IL, and at Family Services and Visiting Nurses, Alton. She was a school nurse in Southwestern CUSD 9, Piasa, IL, from 1967 until she retired in 1987 to spend more time with her family and to travel with her husband.

As a member of the Illinois Association of School Nurses, she held several offices, including that of President, and was named Illinois School Nurse of the Year in

1986. After retirement she served as Executive Secretary of the Association for twelve years. She was a Life Member of the Illinois Association of School Nurses, the National Association of School Nurses, Inc., and the Illinois and National Education Associations. In 2003, she was the first school nurse from Illinois to be inducted into the National Association of School Nurses Academy of Fellows.

Her volunteer activities included the American Diabetes Association, American Red Cross, Coordinator of county-wide immunization programs in Macoupin County prior to the establishment of the county health department, and the American Cancer Society. She served several terms on the Jersey County ACS board and as Chairman of the Board. She also organized the first ACS Relay For Life in Jersey County in 2000, and served as Chairman for the first two years.

Named to the Board of Directors of Jersey Community Hospital in 1975, she served until her death. She was involved in the planning, building and moving from the original hospital on West Pine St. to the current facility on Maple Summit Road. Hospital accomplishments during her tenure included the addition of a Physical Therapy Dept.; several building expansions; 24-hour medical coverage in the Emergency Room; hospital-based ambulance service; state of the art computer services hospital-wide; building of physician office space, the JCH Wellness Center, and the Women's Health Center; opening of the JCH Dialysis Center; and the establishment of the JCH Foundation. From 1993 to 1995 she served as the first female Chairman of the Board.

The most pleasurable, gratifying and important roles in her life, however, were those of wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and as a member of a large and loving extended family.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth M. and John J. Ammann of Godfrey; four granddaughters, Jennifer J. Winters, Carolyn K. (Winters) and her husband Anthony L. (T.J.) Wadlow of Jerseyville, Laura E. Ammann of Godfrey, and Katherine A. Ammann of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, one grandson Scott P. Winters of Jerseyville; and four great-grandchildren, Jaxon Winters, Katelyn N. and Brenen P. Wadlow, and Brody P. Winters, all of Jerseyville.

Also surviving are two brothers and four sisters-in-law, David M. and Sharon Isringhausen, Paul M. and Alvina Isringhausen, and Joy Isringhausen, all of Jerseyville, and Gail Isringhausen of Richmond, Virginia, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, including three Godchildren, Patricia (Isringhausen) Kelsey of Grand Haven, MI, Lisa G. Isringhausen of Charleston, SC, and Jeffrey Isringhausen of Vandalia, IL

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, Mark W. and Debra J. (Jackson) Winters, and three brothers; Richard Dale Isringhausen (infant), Marvin Eugene Isringhausen of Jerseyville, and Carl Loren Isringhausen of Richmond, VA.

Visitation will be at Peace United Church of Christ, 23098 Glenda Ave, Jerseyville, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2011. Visitation will continue from 11:00 a.m. until the start of the service which will be conducted at the Church by the Rev. Theodore Engelsdorfer at 12 noon on Saturday, January 8, 2011. Burial will be in Fieldon Cemetery. Alexander & Gubser Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Margaret was so happy to be able to see and enjoy the many seasonal flowers she received throughout her short illness. Now, however; in accordance with her sincere wishes, it is requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Peace United Church of Christ, JCH Foundation Emergency Room Expansion, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Jersey County, the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, the Jerseyville Public Library, or other charity of one's choice.