



Erna (Pfeiffer) Wahwassuck

November 20, 1930 - August 17, 2011

Erna (Pfeiffer) Wahwassuck, daughter of Stephan Pasika and Eliesle Pfeiffer, was born November 20, 1930 in Fuerth, Germany where she grew up and attended school. At the age of 14, Erna's mother passed away and she went to live with her grandmother who lived 6 blocks from the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg.

In 1957, Erna met the love of her life, Raphael Norbert Wahwassuck. He was a United States Army soldier and they were married on January 10, 1958. They shared over 53 years of marriage together and were blessed with four children: Josetta, Raphael, Jr., Brigitte and Ingrid.

Due to Raphael being in the military, Erna and the family moved to various locations. While he was stationed in Vietnam, Erna and the family lived at Fort Leonard Wood and she worked at the Officer's Club for a time. She raised her family mostly in the Fort Leonard Wood area and all of her children graduated from Waynesville High School.

She was a very devoted mother and took great pride in providing for her family. She was an immaculate housekeeper and was never afraid of having someone stop by to visit. In her spare time, Erna loved working in her flowers and playing with her cats and her dog "Happy Dog". She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. Most importantly, she loved spending

time with her family and friends.

Erna passed away at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 80 years, 8 months and 28 days. She will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved her.

Erna leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Raphael "Chief" Wahwassuck of the home; four children: Josetta Wahwassuck (James Young, Jr.) of Cleveland, MO, Raphael Wahwassuck, Jr. of Harrisonville, MO, Brigitte Kwinn (Michael) of Monroe, NY, and Ingrid Wuenchel (Pete) of Ogden, UT; five siblings: Hedwig Pfeiffer, Anna Marie Czya, Guenther Pfeiffer, Hannah Lori Beasley and Elizabeth Pfeiffer, all of Germany; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Erna was preceded in death by one grandson, Michael John Kwinn.

Graveside services were held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, August 19, 2011 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Ft. Leonard Wood. Serving as escorts were family and friends. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Tribute Wall



“ *Erna (Pfeiffer) Wahwassuck*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Sorry t hear about Urna. My thought and prayers are with you Chief.##imported-begin##Robin Ballhagen##imported-end##*

August 30, 2011 at 12:56 PM



“ *Josetta, I was so very sorry to hear about your mother. Your in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##*

August 24, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ *Dear Chief and Children,
May God comfort you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Marvin & Laura Richardson##imported-end##*

August 24, 2011 at 06:40 AM



“ *You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Neal & Phyllis Stuerke##imported-end##*

August 22, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ Chief, sorry for your loss. I have known you since I became a member in 1989. Again our condolences from Dalene and I and the members of DAV Chapter 51 in Lebanon.##imported-begin##Maurice H Reagan and Dalene Reagan##imported-end##

August 21, 2011 at 10:33 AM



“ Chief, Sorry to here of Erna's passing. Special prayers for you and the family.##imported-begin##Arthur & Caroline Burnor##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 11:32 PM



“ I am Sgm John Sheppard's wife. He passed in December 2009. He always spoke very highly of you.

*I am sorry to hear of your wife's passing.
God bless you and your family.*

*Prayers,
Carole Sheppard##imported-begin##Carole Sheppard##imported-end##*

August 19, 2011 at 10:15 PM



“ Chief, I am very sorry to hear of your wife passing. It has been many years since 'Camp Black Hourse' I hope the years have been good to you. Take care of your self Coffey##imported-begin##MikeCoffey##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ Chief, my heart goes out to you. Erna was your squeeze as you often called her. I know you miss her terribly. I really am glad that I got to meet her through the reunions. I know that you and your family have many memories that will help you all get through this.##imported-begin##Johnny Smith##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 02:18 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Erna, I am so glad our paths crossed in life, you will be in my prayers that God will give you the strength to get thru this. I was the front desk lady at the Foot Clinic in Lebanon.##imported-begin##Dianna French##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 12:59 PM



“ Chief,
We are so sorry to hear of Erna's passing. We truly enjoyed getting to know her at the Reunions. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Gale (Curly) & Kae Stratton##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 11:37 AM



“ On behalf of your military Brothers we extend our deepest sorrow to the "Chief" and his family. Erna was a joy to be with at our reunions. She has our prayers. We will miss her. Ken Kiel##imported-begin##591st Eng. Co. Veterans Association##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 10:58 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss of your loved one. May God bless all of you and grant you peace and comfort. Your loss is heavens gain.##imported-begin##Delmar and Lyndia Williams##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 09:09 AM



“ Many Prayers and Love Uncle - Berta & all the kids.##imported-begin##A Wahwassuck##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 08:24 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You have a wonderful family!##imported-begin##Kathy (Drennan) Rigdon##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 11:39 PM



“ Mr. Wahwassuck we were sorry to hear about Erna, I know she was the love of your life and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Charley and Joyce Fritts##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 09:33 PM



“ Dear Uncle and Family; our love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Nugget##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 02:15 PM



“ Prayers are with you##imported-begin##Norman Ross##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 01:25 PM



“ Dear Josetta & family,
This is Kathy "Drennan's" mom. Sorry to hear of your loss. I pray
God will give you comfort and strength during this time of
readjustment.

Josetta, would be nice to see you again. I'm in Nixa, MO & Kat is in
Omaha, NE.

You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Morgan##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 11:56 AM