



## Ellen Marie Isensee

January 19, 1944 - June 20, 2021

Ellen Marie (Hanson) Isensee, 77, died peacefully on June 20, 2021, with her final days surrounded by her family. Ellen was born on January 19, 1944 in Minneapolis, MN, daughter of Edward Winter and Mary Alice (Richards) Hanson. She grew up in Welsh Valley and Daneville, near Cataract, WI and graduated from Sparta High School in 1962. She graduated from Madison Area Technical College with a LPN degree, and her first job was at Mendota State Mental Hospital.

Ellen married Wallace Spencer Isensee on August 21, 1965 at Sparta Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Virgil Nulton. Ellen and Wally moved several times due to his Air Force career and education, living and working in Rantoul, IL, Minot, ND, and Platteville, WI. They moved to Columbus, WI, where they were blessed with a son, Scott Wallace, on March 7, 1974. They lived in Berrien Springs, MI for a few years before moving to the Fond du Lac area, where Ellen worked at Nazareth Heights. They moved to Madison, WI, where Ellen cared for extended family and worked at Four Winds Manor in Verona. They returned back to Fond du Lac, in June 1992, where Ellen worked at Fond du Lac Lutheran Home. She finished out her career at St. Francis Home after 45 years of nursing.

Ellen and Wally enjoyed visiting and assisting many neighbors and friends in the area. Ellen has been an active member of United Methodist churches in

the various communities where they resided. At Salem United Methodist Church, she has been active in Morning Glory Circle, Bible Study, Loaves & Fish and numerous church events. Ellen is well known for her card and letter writing with her church family and her own family and friends. Ellen and Wally enjoyed traveling all over the United States and to Germany. They also enjoyed camping, family and school reunions, genealogy, dancing, and cheering on Brewers, Packers, Badgers and Bucks.

Ellen is survived by her husband, Wally; son Scott (Anna) Isensee, Menomonee Falls; Grandchildren: Jonah Edward and Audrey Lynn Isensee; brothers: Howard Lee (Carmell Paul) Hanson of Tomah and Chris Edward (Terri) Hanson of Merrimac; sister Amy Jean (John) Ahlstrom, Fond du Lac; brothers-in-law Larry Gale (Marilyn) Isensee, Sparta; Brent Dale (Linda) Isensee, Portage; Glenn Harvey (Susan) Isensee, Minocqua; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Preceding Ellen in death are her parents Ed and Mary Hanson; brother Richard Neil Hanson; in-laws, Harvey Lawrence Isensee and Mildred Mabel (Young) Huber; sister-in-law, Ardyce Jean (Olson) Hanson.

VISITATION: A visitation, memorial service and reception for Ellen will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at Salem United Methodist Church, 120 Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac. Visitation with family will be held 1:00-3:00 p.m. followed by the Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m. A reception for family and friends will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Cremation has occurred. Burial will take place at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery, Sparta, WI.

In lieu of flowers, suggested memorials are in Ellen's name to Salem United Methodist Church and Henderson Settlement, Kentucky, <https://www.hendersonsettlement.com/>

Ellen's family wishes to thank the staff at Harbor Haven Health & Rehabilitation for their wonderful care, as well as the Agnesian Hospice, especially Sandy, for the care and love shown to Ellen and her family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church  
120 Sheboygan Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
<https://www.fdlisalemchurch.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ It has been our great joy to have had Ellen as our very good friend. As a Boy Scout mom, who saw her son become an Eagle Scout and see him attend an international jamboree had to be one of the highlights of her life. We were in constant contact while her son, Scott, was in Troop 712 here in Fond du Lac and was gracious enough to allow her husband, Wally, to become an outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster while she was busy nursing the sick and being a dedicated member of Salem UMC. The picture that I see on this memory page is how we will remember Ellen - smiling no matter what is going on in her life. That disposition should be on everyone's face!

*Our hearts and our emotions are with Wally, Scott and Scott's family as well as the many friends and relatives that the Isensee's have. Her loss is great, but her memory will live with us forever! God bless you Ellen!*

*Gary, Donna Miller & Family*

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**Gary L Miller** - June 28, 2021 at 12:01 PM

MS

“ Adored Ellen! Always kind and caring as she ministered to others. Member of United Methodist Women with Ellen; she cared deeply about its mission. Always loved seeing her and Wally at church and we will miss her smiling face! Dance and sing, Ellen! You are with your Lord and Savior!

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**Mary Scharinger** - June 28, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ Was sad to hear of Ellen Marie passing. Was friends many years ago with Forrest Richards marrying my grandmother Edna Fenske, and my spending many summers at my grandparents Big George and Marian Johnson’s the next farm from hers. Praying for comfort for all her family. Jerry Fenske, Lexington, SC

Jerry Fenske - June 24, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ We were neighbors to Ellen Marie and her Family growing up. I remember wading with her in the creek that ran past their farm. Ellen was instrumental in organizing the Cataract School reunion every 2 years. She was a happy, positive person and will be greatly missed !!

Gary Morgan - June 24, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Worked at SFH along side of Ellen for many years!  
Continued friendship via lunches with Wally , Brian, and Lee.  
Then spent a “ few” hours on phone catch up past year and a half!  
Honored to call her Dear Christian Friend!  
♪♪I Can Only Imagine ♪♪ what she is experiencing now!

Love, Shirley Groeschl

Shirley Groeschl - June 22, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ellen Marie Isensee.



June 22, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LB

“ So very sad to lose a dear friend and family. She was loved by many and always serving others  
I worked with her in nursing and we continued sharing our friendship through the years. She has heart of gold, always ready to help others. She will be greatly missed but is now at peace with the Lord.

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**Lee Bliss** - June 22, 2021 at 01:37 PM

ML

Awe. She was such a sweet lady..

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**Mary Lisowe** - June 22, 2021 at 05:25 PM