



## Phyllis J. Wirtz

June 27, 1931 - January 9, 2023

Phyllis J. Wirtz, 91, of Hampton passed away Monday, January 9, 2023, at Franklin Country View Nursing Facility in Hampton, where she lived for the past seven years.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hampton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place in the Hampton Cemetery. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Phyllis and her family.

Phyllis was born on June 27, 1931, to Wayne and Laura (Sorensen) Stevens on a farm north of Mason City. She went to country school through the eighth grade. It was during this time she decided that she was going to be a teacher. She graduated from Mason City High School and Jr. College. Later, Phyllis earned a degree from Drake University.

In 1951, she began her teaching career in Zearing. After three years, she taught in Wellsburg for a couple years. She always taught at the third and fourth grade levels. Phyllis moved to Hampton in 1956, and continued teaching for almost thirty-five years, retiring in 1990.

Phyllis married the love of her life, Art Wirtz in June of 1957. They took many

trips together. Art passed away in 1983.

Phyllis soon became a world traveler. She traveled by herself and with others. If she wanted to go on a trip – she went. Her travels included Australia (twice), several trips to Europe, including Greece and to Brazil in South America. She also made numerous domestic trips over the years.

Phyllis was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hampton.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, husband Art, four brothers Allen, Walter, Cleve and Gerald, along with several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Survivors include her brother Ken (Dolores) Stevens of Aredale, her sister Jan Wendt of Hampton, and her sister-in-law Audrey Wirtz of Oregon, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
22 1st Ave SW  
Hampton, IA 50441

## Church Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Wirtz.* ”



January 15, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *I became acquainted with Phyllis at the gym. She came in about three times a week and met a friend there. It was always fun when they were there. She was quite a lady and it was a pleasure to know her.* ”

**martha scheidecker** - January 13, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Phyllis was a great lady. Had the pleasure of going on a trip to Ireland that she was on, and then the pleasure of caring for her in the Nursing Facility. So glad I got to know her.* ”

**Elaine Crabtree** - January 13, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *I'll always remember Mrs wirtz with her turquoise jewelry in third grade. Caring for her I'll never forget two sugars one creamer and her love for cats.* ”



**Pam Simpson** - January 13, 2023 at 07:55 AM

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“ *My sympathies to the family of Mrs. Wirtz. Echoing Ethan's sentiment, I also have fond memories of her as my elementary school teacher. Sending prayers up and condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Heather Laipple Burden** - January 12, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ *Mrs. Wirtz was one of my favorite teachers from my primary school years. She was a very understanding neighbor to a tribe of adolescent kids as well. Will always cherish my childhood memories of her.*



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**Ethan Wiechmann** - January 12, 2023 at 05:08 PM

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“ *Betty Etnier lit a candle in memory of Phyllis J. Wirtz*



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**Betty Etnier** - January 09, 2023 at 10:44 PM