

Maurine Wacker Peeks

1922-2004



I was the first born of five children to Harold and Etha Wacker on April 23, 1922 at 1005 Maurer Street, Wilton Junction, Iowa.

My memories of growing up in my hometown are vivid. As babies we were wheeled downtown in a buggy to listen to the Saturday night band concert at the corner of 4th and Cedar Street where Dad played the bass drum as long as I can remember. When old enough my sisters and I played in the band also. When Harold Jr. was six years old he played snare drum along side Dad

on that old wooden band wagon. Years later little brother Steve joined the band until it disbanded.

I remember baby-sitting for Doc and Becky Whetstine with their daughters Nancy and Judy. Sometimes I would bring them to our house and my sisters would join me in entertaining them. Thanks to Shirley Temple, tap dancing was in. Anita, Glenna, Harold, Jr. and I took tap dancing lessons from Bob Titus. We performed at various town events. Marian Henderson played the piano for us. I remember some wonderful "sailor" costumes that we wore.

Playing on the high school basketball team was a fond memory. We had a good team. I graduated from Wilton High School with the class of 1939.

On April 10, 1943, I enlisted in the U.S. WAVES, took my training at Hunter College in New York, and then served at the Naval Air Station in Anacostia, Virginia as Chief Petty Officer. In

January 1945 I married Norman Peeks at Baltimore, Maryland. My sister Anita and John Wyatt stood up with us. We were all four in the service at that time. I was honorably discharged in April, 1945 and returned to my hometown, Wilton Junction.

Norman and I owned and operated Peeks' Electric Service until retirement when we sold the business to T&W Electric in 1980. We are the parents of Pam, Melanie, Rick (deceased), Sandra, and Susanne. I have nine lovely grandchildren.

I now reside in Medford, Oregon but my memories and my heart will always be in my hometown of Wilton, Iowa.

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Maurine C. Wacker Peeks
February 20, 1997

Maureen died in 2004
Norman F. Peeks died in 1982

NOTE: Rick lost his life in a boating accident in 1973.



*Maurine & Norm's 25th Wedding Anniversary
Sandy, Melanie, Rick, Pam
Maurine, Nate, Sue, Norm
January 1970*



*The Harold Wacker Family
Front Row - Etha & Harold
Middle Row - Maurine, Anita, Glenna, Harold Jr.
Back Row - Steve
1980*