



Ellen Lane Wolfe (born October 19, 1924) of Midland passed away on October 17. She left the world suddenly but peacefully with 3 of her children by her side two days before her 92nd birthday. Raised in Red Lake Falls, in Northern Minnesota, she attended Macalester College in St. Paul, and got a degree in medical technology. After graduation in 1947, she worked at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. There she met Richard Wolfe, from Toledo, Ohio, who was studying chemical engineering at Case Institute of Technology; they were married in 1949. After graduation, Richard accepted a position at Dow Corning, and they moved to Freeland in 1950, and to Midland in 1955. They raised five children together. Ellen was active in square dancing (with Richard), Girl Scouts, the United Methodist Church, Midland Nature Club, Chippewa Nature Center, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, Midland Center for the Arts, and Midland Historical Society.

When her children grew older she worked for Dow Chemical in legal documents and the toxicology lab. She was civic-minded, family-oriented, liked people, had an active mind, was a voracious reader, and kept up with politics and world affairs. She and Richard hosted visits from many foreign students and other international visitors, and often traveled across the United States camping and visiting national parks in the '50s, '60s and '70s with their kids in tow, generally in a vintage Dodge station wagon. Since 1966 they spent many enjoyable parts of their summers together with family at their cottage on Lake Charlevoix. In their later years they traveled the world together often via elder hostels or Delta College trips.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard of 64 years (2013), her nephew Donald Wolfe, and her brother-in-law Willie. She is survived by her sister, Cherie (Don) Davidson, sons Chris (Cynthia), Alan, Joel (Susan) and Hal, daughter Anne; brother-in-law Robert, and nieces, Claudia St. Clair, Anne Davidson, Carol Davidson and Libby Wolfe, Nephews Don Davidson and Stephen Wolfe,

and grandchildren Lena, Laura, Michael, Mark, and John Wolfe. She was also fond of those from Physical Therapy and Rehab Specialists who worked with her, her aids Marie and those from Samaritans who were so helpful to her in her final months. There will be a memorial service for her at the United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 23.



Mom on her 90th Birthday.



Mother's Day 2016



Christmas 2014 having fun!



This is the final picture I got of mom – it was at the Memorial Day Parade in Midland on May 30, 2016. I pushed mom through the parade on her chair and she threw candy to the kids. (We walked with the Midland Democratic Party. The Girl Scouts happened to be right in front of us so I got them to join in the picture.)