



## Naomi I. Straub

May 3, 1922 - July 20, 2020

Naomi I. Straub, 98, of Valley View, formally of Klingerstown, passed away on July 20, 2020, at her home in Valley View. She was born in Lykens Twp on May 3, 1922, a daughter of the late Jennie and Gordon Klinger. Naomi was the wife of the late William "Bud" Straub. She was a Dutch singer with the Wolfe Family.

Naomi is survived by her daughter, Wendy Geist; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Terry Straub, sister, Ada Wolfe.

A viewing will be held on July 25, 2020 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at 11:00 am at the James A. Reed Funeral Home, Pillow. Interment will take place in the Gratz Union Cemetery, Gratz.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

James A. Reed Funeral Home  
137 Market St  
Pillow, PA 17080

## Funeral Ceremony

JUL **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Reed Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Naomi I. Straub* ”



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**James A. Reed Funeral Home** - July 26, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ The Deitsch Fersammlung was never complete until Naomi sang "Die Ford Maschin." Before The Wolfe Family was set up someone inevitably always asked, "Singscht die Ford Maschin denowed?" Naomi would then sing a few traditional numbers and then share a new song for which she played original accompaniment and had written original lyrics in the dialect. Then as a last number she would start and say, "Nau muss ich ewwe die Ford Maschin singe." She had it memorized--she sang it so often. It is a song about a dream and taking the whole family (a whole slew of kids) on a ride in a Ford touring car. There were so many it would be impossible to put that many in the car. Each child experiences the ride in a different way. For example, one gets fits every few minutes, another one deposits his lunch on the dashboard until finally the mother says its time to stop after riding up and down hills around corners and she thinks they are going to upset. At the end, the narrator finally wakes up and realizes it is all a dream and what she is hearing is her sister Polly snoring loudly! Naomi was one of few, if not the only, Pennsylvania Dutch lyricist and songwriter. She may have taken English songs and translated them as others did but more importantly she wrote her own music and original song lyrics. She had a great knack for rhythm, rhyme and wording. Her topics were the everyday work of a Pennsylvania Dutch farm wife. She was truly an ambassador of the Pennsylvania Dutch culture and was known and sought after across the state! We were fortunate to have her as part of the entertainment of the Deitsch Fersammlung for as long as the Wolfe Family was able to entertain. The family is fortunate to have had her for almost a century. She was one of the last of a generation who grew up speaking and living the dialect for her entire life. I am certain she already has a seat in the angelic Pennsylvania Dutch Choir and a first chair fiddle seat in the heavenly orchestra!

*N. Daniel Schwalm, Secretary/Treasurer of Unner Mahanoy Fersammlung*

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**N. Daniel Schwalm** - July 24, 2020 at 08:41 AM

RW

“ Rob Wolfe purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Naomi I. Straub.



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**Rob Wolfe** - July 22, 2020 at 05:21 PM

JW

“ June And Fred Willard lit a candle in memory of Naomi I. Straub



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**June and Fred Willard** - July 22, 2020 at 12:32 PM

KD

“ Kay & Dwight Davis lit a candle in memory of Naomi I. Straub



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**Kay & Dwight Davis** - July 21, 2020 at 07:02 PM

KW

“ Karen & Mark Wilson lit a candle in memory of Naomi I. Straub



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**Karen & Mark Wilson** - July 21, 2020 at 04:09 AM

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“ *Naomi was a very special lady ..... I'm sooo blessed to have had her in my life At one point . She taught me soooo much about life and I will never forget!! Go find your love and your Son u will have them forever now !!*



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**Zoey** - July 20, 2020 at 09:40 PM