



## Naomi E. Vought

March 16, 1939 - November 14, 2016

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2016 in the Greenville Free Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Ryan and Rev. Gregory Groves officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Gilead Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 until 8 p.m. Thursday at the Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville. For those who desire memorials in Naomi's memory may be made to the Free Methodist World Missions.

Naomi Elsie Vought went to be with the Lord on Monday, November 14th at 8:20 a.m. at Helia Healthcare in Greenville, IL. She was born March 16, 1939 in Barron, Wisconsin to Merlin G. and Naomi E. Vought. Naomi graduated from Barron High School in 1957 and West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing (Wheaton College Nursing Program) in 1961 as a registered nurse. She went on to Greenville College where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1964, as well as completing most of the requirements for a religion major.

She worked as the head nurse of a medical floor at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois until 1966. At that time, she was appointed missionary with the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church. She was sent to Natal, South Africa to work as a nurse at the Greenville Mission Hospital in the Transkei, a hospital started by Greenville College graduates and named after the college. While there, she taught in the nursing program, ministered to patients in the TB hospital, and helped with youth evangelism. In 1974, her career was terminated due to the South African government transitioning the nursing positions to African Nationals; however, her heart remained with the people of the Transkei in South Africa whose languages of Zulu and Xhosa she had learned to speak fluently. During her years as a missionary, and for several years following that, she shared her African experiences with many churches, travelling throughout much of the United States and Canada.

Upon returning to the United States, she continued her career as a nurse at Utlaut Hospital in Greenville, IL. For more than 30 years she blessed her patients with excellent, loving care and a sweet smile. Since she never married, she became a special "Auntie" to her many nieces and nephews, and also to many college students and missionary kids. Naomi was an identical twin to Norma Sussenbach who passed away on June 3 of this

year. She was also preceded in death by her parents and her brother-in-law Roger Amdall.

She is survived by her siblings: Merlin C. (Janet) Vought of Rice Lake, Wisconsin; James (Nancy) Vought of Barron, Wisconsin; Lois Amdall of Chetek, Wisconsin; and David (Christine) Vought of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

She is also survived by her brother-in-law Ward Sussenbach of Greenville, IL as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Greenville Free Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Free Methodist World Missions.

# Cemetery

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## Mt. Gilead Cemetery

1111 Mt.Giead Rd  
Greenville, IL, 62246

# Events

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**NOV 17 Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Donnell - Wiegand Funeral Home  
203 W Oak St, Greenville, IL, US, 62246

**NOV 18 Funeral** 11:00AM

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Greenville Free Methodist Church  
1367 IL RT 140, Greenville, IL, US

**NOV 18 Burial** 12:00PM

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Mt. Gilead Cemetery  
1111 Mt.Giead Rd, Greenville, IL, US, 62246

# Comments

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“ I will never forget meeting Naomi through Sarah Ridpath. She was one of the sweetest women I had ever met (as was Sarah). We were pregnant with our first (Keisha) and had our glucose test at the Utlaut Hospital. I remember being nervous until I saw Naomi come around the corner. We knew everything was going to be alright. I am sure joining her twin after app. 5 months of seperation will be glorious. Praying for peace and comfort in the days to come.

**Keith & Sherri Johnson** - November 17 at 05:04 PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Donnell - Wiegand Funeral Home** - November 16 at 05:45 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to two special ladies.

**Linda Willms** - November 17 at 01:45 PM



“ Lovely video!

**Mary Norton** - November 17 at 04:54 PM



“ So thankful to have shared the joys of friendship with Norma and Naomi.

**Barb Nordquist** - November 17 at 07:22 PM



“ Beautiful lady and women of God.

**Diana Doll** - November 17 at 10:20 PM



“ She and her sister were blessings to all who knew them. Thankful for the years we shared at West Sub Hospital. Ruth Van Treuren Wit

**Ruth Wit** - November 21 at 12:06 PM

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“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes





“ Naomi made my missionary term in Natal, South Africa very special just by her never-failing friendship. It was a special privilege to live and work with her. She put her whole self into her service to the African nursing school and hospital. Naomi and I spent several memorable vacations together; traveling together to Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) to visit our friend Barb Russell-Nordquist and Gale Herschberger, to Mozambique, camping out in a tower in a Rhodesian wild game reserve only to be surprised and frightened by Game "Wardens" (Norma and Eleanor were there visiting on that exciting trip) as we prayed and sang. Memories are flooding my mind ever since I heard of "Naom's" passing. A very special friend passed into the presence of the Lord we both love(d) so dearly. Good bye, dear friend. I'll meet you inside the Eastern Gate.

Kathy (Gillaspie) Brouard - November 15 at 01:59 PM

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“ Naomi was such a wonderful person. Her smile would light up the room. She was such a joy to care. I loved to listen to her stories of her past and all the exciting things she done throughout her life. She was truly a remarkable women. She will be greatly missed by all the Helia Healthcare Family.

Michele Price - November 15 at 10:00 AM

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“ What a special beautiful person she was. She was a special angel to my parents and ministered to them in her own special way. She was always there for my wife and me also for advice and friendship. God took a special person home.  
Bill and Jane Mewes

william mewes - November 15 at 06:25 AM