



Sarah Marguerite English

August 19, 1934 - January 10, 2026

Sarah Marguerite (Thomason) English, age 91, of Anoka, Minnesota (formerly of Lexington, NC and Coon Rapids, Minnesota) passed away peacefully and into the arms of her savior on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Wayne; their daughter Donna, her 10 brothers and sisters, and her parents, Jesse James and Carlie Bell Thomason.

Sarah was born on August 19, 1934 in Lexington, North Carolina. Her father passed away when she was an infant, leaving her mother to care for eleven children. Her mother was forced to place her and two of her sisters into an orphanage just to help with living expenses. Sarah left the orphanage around age 16 and went to live with her sister Peggy in Charlotte, NC.

While living in Charlotte, she met her husband Wayne through a mutual acquaintance and he asked her out on a date. She said he relentlessly pursued her and they ended up marrying on July 16, 1960. They soon started a family there. Wayne was a traveling salesman at that time and they ended up moving from Charlotte, NC to Overland Park, Kansas, and then to Minnesota where they settled for the next 57 years.

Sarah had multiple secretarial jobs throughout her working years, but her longest job stint was at Anoka Senior High School and then Medtronic, where she retired around 1994.

More than anything Sarah loved being a grandma and spending time with her grandkids, Ryan and Tyler. She would babysit them often and was a very

doting grandma to them both.

Sarah was also very involved in her church (Constance Free) and the Bible study groups that she was a part of there. The people she met at Constance became some of her closest friends and they continued to support her until her passing.

Sarah loved her coffee, taking long walks, reading, crafts, bible study, and spending time with her family. Her last five years were very difficult but she faced them with unwavering courage and kindness, leaving a legacy of love that will remain in our hearts. She was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God.

A celebration of Sarah's life will be held at Constance Free Church in Andover on Thursday January 22nd. Visitation at 10:00 a.m., service at 11:00 with lunch following immediately after.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Constance Evangelical Free Church
16150 Crosstown Blvd.
Andover, MN

Church Service

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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