

Nortonville, KS

Peachie Weishaar, of Nortonville, Kansas, passed away Saturday, December 4, 2021, after a brief stay at Anew Healthcare in Nortonville, KS, at the age of 88.

Mass of Christian burial will be Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Nortonville, KS. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Parish rosary will be on Thursday, Dec. 9th at 6:00 p.m. with visitation to follow until 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Nortonville. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Joseph's Cemetery or Birthright of Topeka and may be left in care of the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home in Atchison, KS with whom funeral care has been entrusted. Memories of Peachie and condolences to the family may be left online at [www.arenbergpruett.com](http://www.arenbergpruett.com).

Shirley J. "Peachie" Porter was born on April 28, 1933, in Atchison, Kansas, the daughter of Charles K. and Ruth R. (Biffinger) Porter. She attended Franklin Elementary School and graduated from Atchison High School in 1951. She was a member of the high school band as a drum majorette and was awarded a trip to the Thanksgiving Macy's Day Parade in New York City which stemmed her enthusiasm for attending parades.

She and Elvin Charles "Tuffy" Weishaar were united in marriage on May 26, 1951, at St. Joseph's Church in Atchison, KS. Tuffy preceded her in death on December 23, 1985.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Nortonville, KS, where she was a member of the Altar Society, she served as a communion minister and took communion to shut-ins.

Peachie worked as a soda jerk at Ball Bros. Drug store in Atchison before raising her family, being a homemaker and a farmer's wife. She later worked at Jaegle's Orchard in Atchison, was a cook at St. Joseph's School in Nortonville and after Tuffy's death was a cook at J.C.N. Schools and Village Villa Nursing Home in Nortonville. In 1991 she became owner and operator of the Pool Hall in Nortonville, which after rebuilding, became Peachie's Place, revitalizing the town as a community gathering place until she sold in 2007.

She enjoyed life to the fullest and spent her free time fishing, bowling, watching birds, playing dominos and was an avid card player. For fifty-six years, from 1959 until 2015, she enjoyed the Pinochle Club. She truly looked forward to a few different vacations in the late 70's and early 80's traveling with her husband and friends. In the 1970's, she coached her daughter's softball team; she loved watching her kids and grandkids play sports. Although she may not have had a green thumb, she enjoyed flowers.

Peachie is survived by her ten children; three daughters, Dea Ann (Ray) Runnebaum, Leavenworth, KS, Janelle Weishaar (Les Smith), Atchison, KS, Amy (Joe) Watt, Valley Falls, KS; seven sons, Joe (Nancy) Weishaar, Valley Falls, KS, Jay (Janice) Weishaar, Tony "Bud" Weishaar, Jeff Weishaar (Mechelle Foos), Daniel (Patricia) Weishaar, Johnny (Lora) Weishaar, Matthew (Stephanie) Weishaar, all of Nortonville, KS; fifteen grandchildren, twelve step

grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, June and Tom Porter; and a sister, Colleen Jaegle.