

DT - Oct 18, 2006

William Wing, 97, Pella

Dr. William G. Wing, 97, of Pella passed away Oct. 11, 2006. Funeral services were held Oct. 16, at the Second Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at Graceland Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Second Reformed Church in Pella.



W. Wing

William Guy Wing was born on Aug. 21, 1909, in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. William (Bill to his friends) was the oldest of five children born to Eva Guy Wing and Willis Orlando Wing. He graduated from Mechanicsburg High School in 1927, after winning several local singing contests, and was sent off to Oberlin College to major in music at the Oberlin Conservatory.

It was there at the conservatory that he met his future wife, Alberta Marie Heiss. He graduated with a double degree in 1933, a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the Conservatory and a BA from Oberlin College. He continued his education at the University of Chicago, where he completed a Masters Degree in French in 1935 and then studied in Bordeaux, France, on a French government fellowship. He returned to the United States in the fall of 1936 and accepted a teaching position at Central College in Pella.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willis Orlando, and Eva Guy, by his brothers James, Willis, and sister Phellis, and a grandson James Paul Slater. He is survived by a sister Evelyn, his children Mary Margaret Slater and William Ray, and two grandchildren Sarah Elizabeth and William Maxwell Wing.