



## Lakers Senior Citizen Club

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### Autobiography of Naida (Wallace) Straub

Born in Rib Lake, in the home I now occupy, on June 24, 1910. Parents, Guy Wallace, who first came to Rib Lake in 1888, then returned to New York to finish college. After which he and his mother and brother moved to a farm she bought on the west side of Wellington Lake.

My mother was Flossie Page, who came to Rib Lake from Unity, with her parents who were from Vermont and New Hampshire. My mother was blind at 32 from cataracts so I lived with my grandmother, Ellen Page, and aunt and uncle until I was 11. My dad had hired help for mother until then. The years spent at grandmas were happy ones. Many of the neighborhood kids would gather there, as my aunt always had goodies for them. They let me have a play store up in the attic and allowed us kids to dress up in clothes out of the trunks. I remember one outfit was my grandfather's Civic War uniform.

When the Rib Lake Lumber Company ran day and night shifts, my dad started a rooming house, so there was little time for fun, but he took me to ball games when he was managing the team, and he was their official scorer for many years. He took me to some of the Milwaukee Brewers games too. He knew some of the players too, and would introduce me to them. Some of those ball players would call dad **Mr.** Baseball.

I have taken care of all of ours who were ill, as long as I was able. I have done much baby sitting too, and my brother called me the perpetual baby sitter. I have had time for a hobby or two in later years. I worked

with driftwood, feathers, bead work, quilling, cones, plaques, shells and seeds. Have also made many, many quilts. One for each of my five children. I put meaningful things on each block. My pride and joy was a blue velvet quilt with red and white satin stripes near the edge, a circle of white stars (13) and gold numbers 1776-1976 in the center. This one was donated to the Rib Lake Bicentennial Center. It was won by Sue Voemastek, who returned it to me years later. I have a wonderful, caring family. Nine children, 20 grandchildren and 18 great grands.

Note: Naida is a very kind, thoughtful lady who visits housebound oldsters, and does so many good deeds. We all love you Naida.

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