



## Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department

June 20, 1984 - April 9, 2017

CLAYVILLE/ROCHESTER - Investigator Nolan A. Wengert of the Rochester Police Department, and our beloved son, is in the arms of his Lord and Savior. Nolan, age 32, of Rochester, and formerly of Clayville, passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 9, 2017 in the comfort of his home. At the time of his passing he was in the hearts of those he loved.

Born in New Hartford, NY on June 20, 1984, Nolan was the precious son of Earl G. and Maryrose M. (McTiernan) Wengert. An honors student, he was a graduate of Sauquoit Valley High School/Class of 2002 and was the recipient of a scholarship to Utica College of Syracuse University where he graduated in 2006 summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economic Crime Investigation. It was Nolan's intention to get the criminals off the streets. He attained his Masters Degree, summa cum laude, via on-line courses through Utica College of Syracuse University while he concurrently worked in his career in law enforcement. During his college years, he was an intern for Michael Arcuri in the District Attorney's office and also worked on his campaign bid for District Attorney. On a beautiful day at Lake Ontario, a romance began between Nolan and Sarah L. Miesner/RN, and it was also the place where he asked her to marry him on Valentine's Day. Sarah said yes, and they set their wedding date for May 5, 2018. She loved him and he was everything a woman could want. He was loving, loyal, and gallant; they were perfect partners. There was so much happiness during their young lives and they looked forward to a bright future. Sarah will find his bright star in the sky

and he will never fade away, and never be forgotten. She will cherish his memory, forever.

On August 21, 2006 Nolan joined the Rochester Police Department. As a patrol officer, he spent almost his entire career working in the southwest area of the city, assigned to the West Division's 3rd Platoon. He also served as a Field Training Officer, General Topics Instructor at the academy, and a member of the Firearms Training Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2012 and proudly accepted the title of Investigator in 2013 assigned to the Lake section. Investigative work was his passion and the west side was under his purview and protection. His humble nature allowed him to recognize that a good arrest was a result of team work. He appreciated the teachings of his mentors, trainers, and fellow officers. He believed in his calling to serve mankind, to safeguard lives and property; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice. He was available 24/7 to assist and give directions for every call. Nolan was blessed with a keen eye for critical details and he worked with many branches of law enforcement including the FBI, ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) Parole Board, Probation Department, Marshall's Office, and all of these agencies had his personal cell phone number. In recognition of his hard work and dedication, Nolan earned a myriad of accolades, multiple times, including The Chief's Letter of Recognition (21 times), The Excellent Police Service Award (10 times), The Distinguished Service Award, Officer of the Month/May 2008, Officer of the Month/October 2009, Officer of the Year 2012, Investigator of the Year 2015, and his current nomination for Investigator of the Year 2017, an award of the culmination of recognition of over 700 fellow officers. To the moment of his passing, Nolan was talking about his job and getting the "bad guys".

Nolan was God's gift to his parents, and to them he was perfect! He was a most responsible person, honest to a fault, and filled with the wisdom, compassion, and inner peace of an old soul. He brought great happiness to his parents and they were immensely proud of his academic achievements,

his police career, as well as the fine young man that he became. He was conservative in his attire and demeanor, but he had a great sense of humor and was such a joy to know. He respected his elders, especially his grandmas. He could carry on an interesting conversation because his mind was always working, and he was always on the go because of his incredible work ethic. For several years he operated Wengert Polygraph Services for central and western New York.

Nolan loved his motorcycles, a red Hyabusa Honda and a Yamaha Raider. He rode Lake Road and the Letchworth State Park, memories that were special to Sarah and Nolan. He was an avid, responsible, gun enthusiast and often gave advice to novice gun owners on rules and regulations, shooting techniques, laws, and safety. He enjoyed Red Dog Beer and Woodford Reserve Bourbon Whiskey. He was very particular about his food. If he found something that pleased his palate he ate it frequently until he found a new favorite food. He often enjoyed a cheeseburg sub. He also loved his breakfast sandwich maker because it made his life complete. And when in Utica, he went directly to O'Scugnizzo Pizzeria. Nolan was a bull in a china shop, often hiding the damage he may have created. But he appreciated his family, especially during the holiday season when everyone was together. Sunday was sacred; it was a time for rest and a time for friends.

Nolan had a deep love for Christ, and when he and Sarah prayed together, it was a special and precious time. He was a "vault" and you could tell him anything and he would lock it away in privacy. He also would spend hours talking you through tribulations and troubled times, and he would say, "I'll take care of it", and he always did. He knew his Lord and he believed. He was a peace maker. He was a peace keeper. God grant him peace in his eternal rest.

Nolan is survived by his amazing parents, Earl and Maryrose; his beloved fiancée, Sarah; his aunts and uncles, Elaine and Dave Szalkowski, Marilyn McTiernan, Joanne McTiernan, Gerald Wengert, Bruce and Betsy Wengert,

Judy Springer, Kathy, Fred, Dave and Reiza Zimmerman, Joe and Missy Vatalaro; extended family, Charly and Gracie Isgro, Dick and Chris Roberts, Marsha Shaoud and the late Ray Shaoud, Patty and Leo Boulerice, Frank and Debby Rocco, and Walt and Tina Bayley; cousins, Gerry Wengert, Jr. Florida Canine Officer, Jennifer Wengert, and Kristin Neves; his future mother-in-law Mary Miesner, his future in-laws, Lee and Bonnie Miesner, and Sarah's niece Kaelynn, and nephew Nathaniel, all of whom spent enjoyable times together with Nolan. So many are at a loss over Nolan's passing, but he truly shared his heart and life with these precious friends, Aaron and Kimberly Eyrich, Adam Alliet and Erin Alliet, Jason Prinzi, Daryl Hogg, James LaRuez, Jason Hess, Russ Tinker, Justin Assisi, Caleb Sirco, Chris Kimball, and John Williams; and a host of men and women of the Rochester Police Department; they were all truly his brothers and sisters. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Earl and Alma R. Wengert; maternal grandparents, Edwin T. and Marian (Nolan) McTiernan; his aunt Erla Zimmerman; and uncle Edwin McTiernan.

The family is grateful to the Emergency Department staff and the Pediatric Emergency staff at Rochester General Hospital who are Sarah's co-workers. Family members were comforted by their love and concern; and the Rochester Police Department for their brotherhood and compassion. Visitation will be held Tuesday afternoon from 3:00-7:00 at the Stanley Performing Arts Center, 259 Genesee Street, Utica. Nolan was a "father" to his rescue dog, "Winston Wengert", and his feline "Diego". Nolan and Sarah had an incredible backyard which welcomed deer and turkeys and was a place where Nolan could be one with nature. In line with his love for God's creatures, memorial contributions may be considered to Rochester Animal Services, 184 Verona Street, Rochester NY 14608, Phone (585)-428-7274 or to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org>; envelopes will be available at the service. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nolan's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at the Stanley

Performing Arts Center with Pastor Drew Conover of Life Point Church, Yorkville, NY, officiating the ceremony. Police Honors will be conferred. Interment will follow graveside in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Olivet Cemetery

70 Wood Road  
Whitesboro, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stanley Theatre  
259 Genesee St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-1113

## Celebration of Life

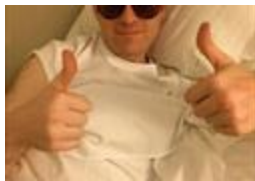
APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stanley Theatre  
259 Genesee St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-1113

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Nolan everyday I think about you and it doesn't get easier. I thought it would but it don't. I love you buddy. I miss talking to you and I miss your crazy stories. Jim Beam Honey Nolan lol!!!!!!



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**Jon Leshner** - June 13, 2017 at 03:46 AM

SW

“ Nolan was truly a great person; funny, intelligent, loyal, and honest. We were blessed to have him in our lives, and we are blessed to have him in our memories. I hope his family and friends can find strength during this difficult time. The ripples Nolan made in this world are something we can celebrate and envy. Until we meet again my old friend.

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**Sean W.** - April 20, 2017 at 12:35 AM

PM

“ Mary Rose and Earl, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I didn't know Nolan myself, but have heard many good things about him. You should be very proud that he did so much for so many people. His memory and good deeds will be a lasting tribute.

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**Peter Maneen** - April 19, 2017 at 03:48 AM

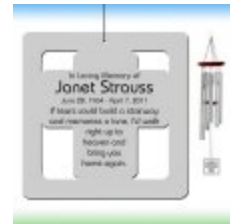
MB

“ May we be permitted to offer our sympathy to the Wengert and Miesner Families. Please know that you will be in our family's thoughts and prayers. Noel was one of my students at the Police Training Center in Rochester. I certified Noel as a General Topics Instructor and I can tell you I remember everything about his work and presentations, he took great efforts to produce a great outcome, and his fellow students noticed his efforts. Noel had a good heart and shared his love with is family and his four legged family. He spoke of all of you with great pride. Although Noel's "shift" is done here, we all have someone to watch over us. With deepest sympathies, Mike and Brenda Bialaszewski, (RPD, CIV Retired)

Mike Bialaszewski - April 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM

LH

“ Love, Kevin, Cathy, Cassie, & Harley purchased the Cross Wind Chime - Personalized for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



Love, Kevin, Cathy, Cassie, & Harley - April 18, 2017 at 12:03 PM

KB

“ Praying for all of you during this difficult time. Nolan was a very special person who helped so many and will never be forgotten. Our deepest condolences.  
Kathy and Scott Briggs

Kathy and Scott Briggs - April 18, 2017 at 09:57 AM

CR

“ There are so many lives he touched in a positive way and so many memories that bring a smile. Dick had one of when Nolan got his first deer went up in the woods five minutes came down soaking wet didn't even care he was so excited and I'm sure there's other stories of how he made a difference in someones life and so many hearts that are feeling sad, but he was loved and he made the world a better place.

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**Chris and Dick Roberts** - April 17, 2017 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ I worked with Nolan at Showbiz video. He was one of the most kindest nicest guys I knew. He was always checking up on me when I was alone at the store and a great guy to talk to. He often sent his mom over to see me and I valued our conversations. Thinking of your family at this time and sending many prayers...  
*Melissa Smith*

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**Melissa Smith** - April 17, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



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April 17, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



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April 17, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



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April 17, 2017 at 08:11 AM

 Janet  
Wren

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Nolan through the love of his parents, especially my dear friend Maryrose. Nolan was truly the apple of their eye. I knew of him only through the stories from his mother, so very proud of him. Then I had the pleasure to get to know him professionally doing polygraphs. He was an amazing, intuitive, passionate, professional young man, so accomplished in law enforcement. He was so far beyond his years in maturity. He made his mark on this world in his limited time here. He's one of those people you will never forget. May his precious soul be with our lord in heaven. Rest In Peace Nolan.*

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**Janet Wren** - April 16, 2017 at 07:41 PM

YA

“ your coworker Kim Andujar purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



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**your coworker Kim Andujar** - April 16, 2017 at 01:55 AM

KA

“ Nolan, I don't know you very well but I feel I do through you beautiful fiancé Sarah. I know the two of you loved each other so much and I am so sadden to here this chapter has closed. may you rest in peace. I know you will watch over Sarah and protect her and help her heal from this very sad news. Prayer sent to you all



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**Kim Andujar** - April 16, 2017 at 12:21 AM

RL

“ MaryRose and Earl, So sorry for the loss of your precious son. I will remember how Mary Rose called him BabyNolan while sharing thoughts of him during our working together years ago at Bendix on Seward Ave. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Robin (Parmon) Louis

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**Robin Louis** - April 15, 2017 at 10:22 AM

CH

“ I only have kind memories of Nolan from school. My thoughts and prayers to family and friends during this time.

*Cheryl P.*

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**Cheryl** - April 14, 2017 at 11:20 PM

JA

“ Nolan may you rest in eternal peace.



Jennifer Alma - April 14, 2017 at 10:38 PM

JE

“ May you rest in peace Nolan and please watch over Sarah and your parents.



Jennifer - April 14, 2017 at 10:36 PM

SA

“ I grew up hearing about Nolan and what a great guy he was, I didn't know him personally but I know he was the pride and you of his Mom. MaryRose, we are thinking of you and Earl. Our prayers are with you. God Bless, the Ball family.

Sara - April 14, 2017 at 10:16 PM

KB

“ I remember the first time I meant Nolan. Jonica and I were sun bathing in her front/side yard and he was coming over to pick Sarah up for a date, on his motorcycle. He just sat outside with us and chatted until she was ready. He was funny, down to earth, and easy to talk to. I didn't know him well but I knew one thing he loved Sarah, and my heart goes out to her and his family.



Kristan Barbarita - April 14, 2017 at 10:13 PM

TS

“ *Tory Spencer lit a candle in memory of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department*



Tory Spencer - April 14, 2017 at 07:52 PM

PL

“ *I remember little Nolan playing baseball with my boys in Sauquoit. I am so proud of the young man he has become. My heart felt sympathy*  
*Phyllis Latreille*

Phyllis Latreille - April 14, 2017 at 06:54 PM



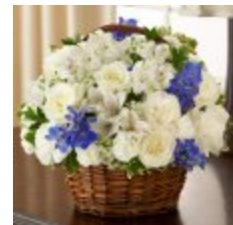
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 14, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 14, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Cousin Nolan was so wonderful, and I remember how much he encouraged me in my own endeavors. I still can't believe he's gone, but I know that the positive impact he's had on this world will live on. All my love and prayers to the law enforcement team, and especially to Aunt Cookie and Uncle Earl. Hugs and prayers to you in this tragic time.*



**Leta Williams** - April 14, 2017 at 04:05 PM



“ *Mary Eggers lit a candle in memory of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department*



**Mary Eggers** - April 14, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 14, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ *Chris Meyers lit a candle in memory of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department*



**Chris Meyers** - April 14, 2017 at 09:03 AM

PR

“ *Partners Behind the Line- RPD purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



Partners Behind the Line- RPD - April 14, 2017 at 08:24 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 14, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 13, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ *In Comfort and Peace was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 13, 2017 at 05:09 PM

AS

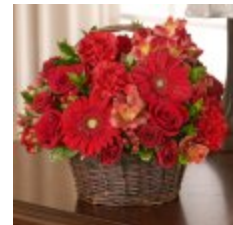
“ OUR HEARTS ARE SHATTERED FOR YOU ~♡~ HE MADE EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM VERY PROUD. NEVER A DOUBT THAT LIL RED HAIRD CUTIE WOULD BECOME A FINE YOUNG MAN .~♡~ YOUR LOVE FOR HIM WAS BEYOND REPROACH. COOKIE & EARL & SARAH. PLEASE KNOW HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. TRUST BELIEVE LOVE. AND PLEASE SMILE BECUZ THEY WANT US TO ~♡~ PRAYING FOR YOUR HEAVY HEARTS . WE LOVE YOU. ANGEL & HARRY, CHRISTOPHER & "BABY" HARRY.

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Angel shephard - April 13, 2017 at 03:24 PM

MD

“ MVSHRM Board of Directors purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



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MVSHRM Board of Directors - April 13, 2017 at 03:05 PM

MG

“ Nolan was an outstanding man and a good student in his basic polygraph school. Mike Gougler, Director, National Polygraph Academy.

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Mike Gougler - April 13, 2017 at 03:00 PM

RM

“ *Nolan A. Wengert is the greatest gentleman that's loved by his family and friends.*

*A every special person to me because his father helped me at a time in my life when I needed a place to live Earl, Nolan's father said, "come on Roger there is room in my home for you" We all know these words are priceless.*

*RIP - Nolan you will be missed by all.*

*God Bless*

*Roger M. Maxson*

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**Roger M. Maxson** - April 13, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ *Cookie and Earl,  
Thinking of you and expressing our deepest sympathy for your loss. Praying that God will wrap His loving arms around both of you.*

*Love,*

*Ellen Calenzo, Howie Jessmore, Austin Calenzo, Chelsea Calenzo and Alexis Kimball*



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**Ellen Calenzo** - April 13, 2017 at 01:20 PM

TD

“ *DearCookie and Earl,  
Your sweet, brave and handsome son, who will remain forever young, will always be by your side. May our Lord and Savior grant you the patience and strength to remain vigilant in this life until we all meet again in the true life. Love, Terry DeBernardis*

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**Tamara DeBernardis** - April 13, 2017 at 01:00 PM

PW

“ Dear Earl and Cookie, our hearts are broken for you. There are no words that we can express our deep sympathy for you loss. Please know that Ralph and I are praying for your comfort and peace. This is going to be a long ride. Also know we are here if you need us. Love Ralph and Patty Witt

Patricia Witt - April 13, 2017 at 12:39 PM

LW

“ Cookie and Earl, there are no words to describe the shock and heartbreak we feel for you. Nolan was a very special young man and we can't imagine what you are going through. We love you and are praying for you.....

Love, Mark and Sue Wengert - April 13, 2017 at 12:36 PM

MF

“ Missy&Brian, Kevin Edwards & Colonial Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



Missy&Brian, Kevin Edwards & Colonial Family - April 13, 2017 at 12:15 PM

WF

“ With Love, The Deak and Roberts Families purchased the Red, White & Blue Standing Wreath for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



With Love, The Deak and Roberts Families - April 13, 2017 at 12:03 PM

CW

“ Earl and Cookie, We are so sorry for your loss..our thoughts and prayers are with you and may all your memories of Nolan help you through this difficult time..  
Danny & Candy Wisnoski

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**candice wisnoski** - April 13, 2017 at 11:34 AM

RJ

“ Roger and Joan purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



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**Roger and Joan** - April 13, 2017 at 11:12 AM

ML

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Nolan was great to work with.  
Mike Lesniak

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**Mike Lesniak** - April 13, 2017 at 10:43 AM

ME

“ Mel purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.



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**Mel** - April 13, 2017 at 07:44 AM



Yvonne  
Caternolo

“ Sarah and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have sent a donation to my favorite dog rescue in honor of Nolan.

Love,  
Yvonne C.

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**Yvonne Caternolo** - April 13, 2017 at 07:36 AM

SJ

“ To the Family of Nolan:

*I went to school with Nolan and will always remember him as a man of strength & character & how smart he always was! I always remember thinking it was so cool that his name was the same as a famous baseball player! May God grant you all the strength & comfort that only he can during this most difficult & trying time. God bless you and keep you and God bless Nolan and thank you for your service!*

*Blessings & Love,  
Stephanie Graziadei Jecko*



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**Stephanie Jecko** - April 13, 2017 at 07:22 AM

DA

“ Dale Abbuhl lit a candle in memory of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department



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**Dale Abbuhl** - April 13, 2017 at 06:54 AM



“ *Cookie & Earl & Family*  
*I am truly so sorry for your loss. I will remember Nolan always as such a great kid; kind, witty and highly intelligent. His presence always "improved the room." Sending you love and prayers for your loss.*  
*Debbie Pisano*

Debbie Pisano - April 13, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ *Melody lit a candle in memory of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department*



Melody - April 13, 2017 at 06:35 AM



*The late Jim Norton and his family in Clayville send their sincere thoughts and prayers to your family. Knowing that you will ALWAYS be with them will hopefully be a comfort. anne norton crane*

anne norton crane - April 29, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Investigator Nolan A. Wengert, Rochester Police Department.*



April 12, 2017 at 11:28 PM