



Wendylou April Ulrich

April 9, 1959 - January 18, 2020

On Saturday night, January 18, 2020, Wendy April Ulrich (Bennett), 60, of Matthews, North Carolina, passed into the loving arms of Jesus. She passed peacefully in her home surrounded by her sons Taylor and Travis.

Wendy steadfastly fought Multiple Sclerosis (MS) since the early 2000's and fearlessly fought stomach cancer the past eight months. To no surprise for those who knew Wendy, no funeral will be held. Instead, Wendy wished to host a party for friends and loved ones to celebrate her life complete with upbeat dance music and pastries to eat with Hillsong's "It Is Well with my Soul" culminating the event. In lieu of flowers, Wendy requested a donation to the National MS Society be made in her memory, <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>

Despite our overwhelming sense of loss, we are comforted knowing she is dancing in heaven, reunited with her grandparents and first love Bruce; and experiencing the unimaginable joy of meeting her two children lost in pregnancies. Wendy was the definition of love, beauty, grace, loyalty, compassion, and dignity; and used these qualities to impact thousands of children teaching, and bless countless friends and loved ones. Wendy will be forever in our hearts and minds and we look forward to the day we see her again. Thank you to all of her friends and loved ones for making her life an incredible one.

Wendy was born in Meadville and grew up in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania and spent much of her life in suburban Pittsburgh. She and her family moved to Matthews, NC in 1998. After the move she fell in love with the Matthews area and the area fell in love with Wendy. She was as kind of a person as you could ever meet and despite being a transplant, was the perfect Southern Lady.

Wendy was a graduate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania and held a Master's degree in Audiology/Speech Language Pathology. She worked in a few corporate roles at Westinghouse Electric but found her true calling when she began teaching young children. Most recently she taught at Calvary Church and later Next Level preschool. The only thing

surpassing her love for the kids was the kids love for “Ms. Wendy”. Wendy always knew how to brighten each child’s day and shower them with unconditional love.

She was a committed Christian with a profound faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Over the years she was an active member of a few churches in the Charlotte area including Central Church of God, Elevation Church and most recently Ridge Church.

Love for her children Taylor, Travis and daughter-in-love Megan was without limits. She was immensely proud of the fine adults her kids had become.

Wendy was preceded in death by her father Richard Bennett. She is survived and missed by her son Taylor Ulrich of Pageland, SC; son Travis Ulrich of Matthews, NC; daughter-in-love Megan Wheeler of Pageland, SC; mother Sally (Coughlin) and stepfather George Anderton of Conneaut Lake, PA; brother Ken Anderton and his family of Conneaut Lake, PA and James Anderton and his family of Wiesbaden, Germany.

A celebration of life service will be held on March 7th, at Ridge Church Cafe 1031 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd, Matthews, NC 28105 from 4:00PM-5:00PM.

In lieu of flowers or gifts please make donations to MS-Society.

<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/>

Events

MAR **Celebration of life** 04:00PM - 05:00PM

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Ridge Church Cafe
1031 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd, Matthews, NC, US, 28105

Comments



“ What a wonderful person from my past!!

Travis and Taylor-I'm am sorry about your mom. It's hard. I know firsthand. We have the hope in Jesus that your mom is healed and is feeling so good!! I'm praying for your comfort during this time.



Lisa Courtney - January 31, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ Wendy was my close friend and neighbor for almost 20 years. We went to breakfasts, Y classes, plays and other events together. She was the sister I never had. She left surprises at my door when I needed a smile, she always texted me each year on the anniversary of my father's passing, prayed with me and shared her faith, and was always there for me. She always made you feel special. That was Wendy, always thinking of others. She was a blessing to all who loved her and was so proud of her family. She was a light in this world and will be greatly missed. I love you and know you will always be in my heart.

Carol Secrist - January 29, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ Rena Stockton Sylves lit a candle in memory of Wendylou April Ulrich



Rena Stockton Sylves - January 27, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ Rest In Peace, Wendy.

Rena Stockton Sylves - January 27, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ Wendy was my friend and co worker we worked across from each other for a few years - she was a bright sunshine on my life - she loves God and was so kind and when she got MS she didn't ask for help she took it on by herself and she was so strong and I miss her so much! She is an angel and God will be so happy to be with her ! I love you Wendy

candi clark - January 22, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Although Don and I did not know Wendy well, we saw her through the eyes of our daughter, Megan Wheeler. She opened her heart, home and love to Megan and for that we are eternally grateful. Megan thought of her as her second mother and we know she will be sorely missed by Taylor, Travis, Megan and other family members and friends. Th

Laura Wheeler - January 27, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Thank you Wendy. Don and Laura Wheeler

Laura Wheeler - January 27, 2020 at 07:50 PM