



Wendy Sue Wenger

June 1, 1959 - January 6, 2024

Wendy Sue McCracken Wenger was born in Buffalo, NY on June 1, 1959, to Dorothy Bailey McCracken and Walter Dean McCracken. She grew up in Tonawanda, NY, graduated from Tonawanda High School in 1977, and graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

She worked for three years at Buffalo General Hospital before joining the Travelling Nurse Corps in 1985. Following a 3-month assignment in Savannah, GA, she had an assignment in Tacoma Park, MD. The Traveling Nurse Corps rented apartments in College Park, MD, where she met Lynn Wenger. She then started working at the National Rehab Hospital in Washington, DC.

Wendy & Lynn were married one year later and were blessed with two children: Brian Paul in 1988 & Jennifer Kae in 1990. She loved being a stay-at-home mother for her children.

With Lynn being in the construction industry, they moved a couple times for his work. After 6 years in College Park, the family moved to Knightdale, NC. Six years later, the family moved to Mooresville, NC, where they have been for the last 25 years. When Jennifer was in 4th grade, Wendy returned to work in her nursing career. She spent the next 15 years working for the Carolina

Asthma & Allergy Center's Mooresville office until she retired in 2013.

While her children were in school, she was an active PTO volunteer coordinator for Lakeshore Elementary School and Lakeshore Middle School for a number of years. She was also the first aid attendant for the Lake Norman High School Marching Band's outings & competitions for seven years. In addition, while Brian was performing with the Carolina Crown Drum & Bugle Corps, she went on tour with the Corps two different years, working on their uniform maintenance and taking care of first aid issues for the 200-member ensemble.

Wendy was also active in her church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville. She was a Sunday School Teacher, sang in the choir, volunteered at the pre-school, and helped with Vacation Bible School. She also spent 10 years as a Girl Scout leader for Jennifer's Troop.

Six years ago, when she was only 58 years old, Wendy was diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's. In the last three years she has experienced accelerated periods of decline and spent the last four months in the hospital, a rehab center, a Senior Living Facility, and the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House.

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, with her husband & children present, Wendy went to be with the Lord, ending her period of turmoil on this earth.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dean & Dorothy McCracken. She is survived by her loving husband Lynn, her son Brian (Ashley), and her daughter Jennifer. Two of the biggest joys in her life are her granddaughter Carden & her grandson Lucas. She is also survived by her sister Pamela (Robert) Catipovic, her brother Jeff (Cristy) McCracken, numerous nieces & nephews, and hundreds of friends.

A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 17, 2024, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mooresville with Rev. Dave Keck officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the Family Life Center at the church.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Wenger family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
454 Fieldstone Road
Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

FEB 17. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Family Life Center
454 Fieldstone Rd.
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

RF

“ 1 file added to the album Videos



Russ Files - February 20, 2024 at 10:41 AM

TF

“ The Cummings Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendy Sue Wenger.

The Cummings Family - February 16, 2024 at 07:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Wenger.



February 16, 2024 at 07:31 AM

LM

“ Love, Kelly & Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendy Sue Wenger.

Love, Kelly & Mike - February 14, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Wenger.



February 14, 2024 at 12:29 PM

LP

“ Wendy and I met during nursing school 46 yrs ago. We instantly connected and became friends. I once visited Wendy as she worked during college at a local bakery in Tonawanda, NY. Wendy was a natural saleswoman trying to sell me everything, on the shelves, I believe I settled in purchasing a donut. Wendy had a smile that elicited smiles as she lit up the room with her high pitched talk as she frequently referred to us as “you- ens”. Her excitement was contagious and she illicited many laughs Our senior semester was an Internship at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD. We had to submit proposals to be accepted and complete to graduate. Wendy selected neurology as her area of focus, she loved the inner connection between the brain to cause and effect. Upon graduating she worked at Buffalo General on a neurology unit, dhe recruited me to work at Buf gen but si selected med/ surgical. After night shift on a few occasions we went out for breakfast at towne restaurant a d had a beer snd discuss our shifts before heading home to sleep. In May 83 the nurses went on Strike and we had several months of picketing to sort life out. During end of strike in July we traveled to Europe. 3000 miles n 2 wks we saw it all. Shortly after we left BGH, Wendy joined traveling nurses and returned back to the Baltimore area, she met Lynn and I never saw her happier. We stood up in each others weddings a month apart, and got an added bonus that unexpectedly I moved to Maryland and we were able to continue our friendship and become mothers. Wendy loved her “babies” and being s mom. She also loved her grand babies. I was blessed to have had such a great friend, but know she is at peace now in having had a challenging later life. Lynn was the best thing that ever happened to Wendy, and he demonstrated his love beyond words. To Lynn, Brian & family, Jennifer, Jeff & Family, Pamela & family, the extended wenger family, and all friends, my deepest sympathies in warm remembrance of a one of a kind friend who I have a special place in my heart just for her. Rest now Wendra... intil we meet agsin💔

luanne paolini - January 13, 2024 at 06:53 PM

JK

“ Lynn and family,

So sorry for your loss. May you find peace knowing she is in heaven and suffering no more.

Janann Kuppet - January 12, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DW

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I am glad we reconnected for even a few minutes at Mack Mitchell and you shared with me. I've been praying for all of you ever since and will continue the prayers. In the midst of your hurt, may you feel peace and serenity knowing she is no longer in pain.
Denise Lizauskas Watson*

Denise D Watson - January 16, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Wenger.



January 12, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Wenger.



January 11, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Wenger.



January 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Wendy's passing she gave me my Venom shots for five years total, she was always pleasant and upbeat. I actually looked forward to seeing her, even though I knew it was going to hurt.

Gary L.Evans - January 09, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ What a wonderful life for this great wife and mother. Sharing my condolences with the the Wenger family in this difficult time.

Frank Hobby - January 09, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ Dear Mr. Wenger and family, We are very saddened to learn of Wendy's passing. We send our condolences and prayers. Her courageous triumph over her health challenges is a testament to the human spirit. Our son Cole is an Eagle Scout with Troop 171, Wendy was often present at many scouting events and provided guidance for our youth, we are grateful. May you all be surrounded with peace and comfort knowing she is with our Lord. Tim, Leslie, Cole & Allison Campbell

Leslie Treadaway Campbell - January 08, 2024 at 10:18 PM

LT

“ Our sincere sympathy to Lynn, Brian and Ashley, and Jennifer. Wendy was so kind and friendly. May she now rest peacefully.

Denny and LouAnn Talbert

LouAnn Talbert - January 08, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JD

So sorry to hear of this news! My God wrap is loving arms around your family and bring peace and comfort in the days ahead! Janette and Jay DesCamps

janette descamps - January 08, 2024 at 05:36 PM