



Wendy L. D'Amelio

August 20, 1949 - May 8, 2016

Wendy D'Amelio, beloved daughter of Marjorie and Joseph Benoit was born August 20, 1949 in Connecticut and passed away peacefully on May 8, 2016.

Wendy attended Lauralton Hall, a private college preparatory academy in Connecticut where she was a varsity basketball team member, having won her place on the team, even as a high school freshman. She was given the magnum cum laude award from Auxilium Latinum during her studies at Lauralton as well as having won a French scholarship award to study abroad. Wendy was also a member of Choral Club, an officer in the Athletic Association and a member of Tarsicians and Sodality Club.

She attended Sacred Heart University where she majored in psychology and sociology. After graduation, she worked for Easter Seals for 30 years where she encouraged and inspired people with various mental and physical challenges to achieve their highest potential. She was a notable comfort and support to families dealing with children with challenges and was given a well deserved standing ovation at her retirement celebration.

Wendy retired to Florida with her devoted husband Bob Belden and lived in the Florida Keys for part of the year enjoying boating and fishing and seeing her children and grandchildren swimming among the manatees alongside of her home. She also lived in Orlando part of the year where she and family,

especially the grandchildren, loved the theme parks, annual Thanksgiving traditions, and enjoying the lake at her home where Wendy so enjoyed the ducklings who befriended her every year.

Her greatest joys in life were surely her son David D'Amelio and her daughter-in-law Ashleigh D'Amelio of Richmond ,VA. Her grandchildren , Haley D'Amelio and Tyler D'Amelio were the lights of her life with whom she created so many memories. Wendy was a most proud mother and grandmother. She will be terribly missed by her sisters and brother and nieces and nephews and friends and community.

Her humor and love of life will live on through her family.

A private service with family will be held in celebration of her life.

Contributions in her honor can be made to the Children's Diabetes Foundation or to Lauralton Hall Academy.

Tribute Wall

CM

“*Dave, I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother. You and your family have my deepest sympathy.*”

Carol Murray - June 02, 2016 at 09:20 AM

SM

“*I am grateful and honored to have known Wendy. Even more so because she brought her son Dave into the world. I consider him a brother, and my best friend. Every time I had the chance to visit her, or spend time in general, it was a great time. She treated me like a second son. I appreciate her and all the relationships created by knowing her.*
My deepest sympathy to all the family.”

Sean Murray - June 01, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“*Dear David, Sharon and to Wendy's family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of loss. We hope the memories you shared together with your Mom and sister will continue to carry you through the pain of loss.
With deepest condolences,
Mary Ann and Frank*”

MaryAnn Fallon - May 22, 2016 at 08:17 AM

NS

“ Wendy was all heart. Her life was spent always helping others and working to give to those who needed. She was a great Mom, Sister, Aunt and Grandmother. Her special gift to this world was her son David who I have known since a small boy and she raised him to be a beautiful caring husband, father and son. Wendy your presence will be missed but you will always be present in the gifts you have left behind. May time help heal all those affected by her too soon passing. She lead a galant fight and now she is resting peacefully.
Nancy Stratton

Nancy Stratton - May 18, 2016 at 06:20 PM

MA

“ Estimada familia D' Amelio siento mucho la pérdida de su ser querido pero quisiera compartir con ustedes unas palabras reconfortantes en (Hechos 24:15) donde nos muestra la maravillosa esperanza que nos hace nuestro padre celestial Jehová, de la resurrección ,es decir devolverle la vida a nuestros seres queridos qir están descansando en la muerte. Espero que estas palabras les sievsn de aliento.

*Acompañándolos en su dolor
Madelyn.*

Madelyn - May 15, 2016 at 07:58 AM



“ Wendy was a beautiful person both inside and outside. We met at Pinecastle Moose and became good friends with Wendy and Bob. Shared many good times in Orlando and Marathon. She used to call Donnie and I her crispy critters because we would go to Sombrero Beach and stay the whole day. We are glad you are at peace but sure are missing you. Donnie & Pauline Saul.



Pauline Saul - May 11, 2016 at 03:11 PM

DH

“ Doug & Krissy Hale lit a candle in memory of Wendy L. D'Amelio



Doug & Krissy Hale - May 11, 2016 at 02:54 PM

AL

“ 23 years ago, I met a vibrant energetic woman who absolutely adored her son, Dave. The very first day we met, I was barely 18 years old, and not knowing my age, my future Mother-in-law and I shared our first adult beverage! We had such wonderful family visits over those 16+ years. When Dave and I were together, she embraced me like a daughter and loved our kids, her grandchildren, more than words can say. She continued that love, adoration and devotion to Dave and his current wife, Ashleigh, and our wonderful children Haley and Tyler.

Let us cherish the memories of boat rides, snorkeling, tawny port wine, crab legs, fishing, smoothies, peeling potatoes AFTER they were boiled, long car rides followed by big bowls of goldfish, amusement parks, Christmas in November, hurricanes and hiding under mattresses, and Bob making breakfast for an army.

Rest in peace Wendy! 🙏

Amber

Amber D'Amelio Lucas - May 11, 2016 at 06:13 AM

LS

“ Linda Shedlock lit a candle in memory of Wendy L. D'Amelio



linda shedlock - May 10, 2016 at 06:39 PM

CD

“ Wendy... A kind and gentle spirit, with a beautiful smile, and a wonderful lilt of a laugh, always ready for fun! Of all her remarkable accomplishments, her greatest is her sweet son, David, who blessed her with two beautiful grandchildren. May Wendy's family continue to revel in their memories of this wonderful woman, and feel blessed to have had her as part of their lives. We send you love... Carol Barbarito Durant and Bob Durant

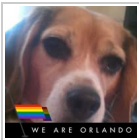
carol durant - May 10, 2016 at 06:31 PM

JZ

“ Jennifer Zuniga lit a candle in memory of Wendy L. D'Amelio



jennifer zuniga - May 10, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ Debbie Benoit lit a candle in memory of Wendy L. D'Amelio



Debbie Benoit - May 10, 2016 at 12:26 PM

RG

“ Robert & Janneil Graham lit a candle in memory of Wendy L. D'Amelio



Robert & Janneil Graham - May 10, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sharon Benoit lit a candle in memory of Wendy L. D'Amelio*

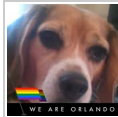


Sharon Benoit - May 10, 2016 at 10:47 AM



“ *A beautiful and smart woman with a great sense of humor! Thank you for all that you taught me. love you always and forever*

Sharon Benoit - May 10, 2016 at 10:15 AM



To my big sister who showed me so many fun times and for giving me my nephew Dave whom I love so much be at peace until we meet again love you

Debbie Benoit - May 10, 2016 at 12:07 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy's family. Love you all. Carol Hatch & family

Carol Hatch - May 10, 2016 at 05:48 PM