



Wendy S. Colby

July 10, 1954 - April 9, 2022

Hampton - Wendy Suzanne (Boetticher) Colby, age 67, passed away peacefully April 9, 2022 at High Pointe House in Haverhill, MA after a brief bout with cancer.

Wendy was born in Cook County, Illinois and raised in Montgomery County, PA. She attended Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA and Endicott College in Beverly, MA.

She met her husband Herb in Beverly, MA in May of 1973 and they married in December 1974.

After a short stay in Beverly and Wenham they relocated to the Newburyport area where they raised their three children. Wendy was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport for 42 years. She was a member of the choir, taught Sunday school and volunteered at the annual church fair.

Wendy was talented in so many aspects of her life. She was a lover of music and art, she played the piano and violin, had exquisite taste and her love of fashion was evident in her everyday dress. She loved the beach and the whole New England coastline whether on boat or land, rain or shine.

Wendy loved her family more than anything. Through all the ups and the downs, she was patient, understanding, reliable and loyal. A fierce protector who made sure that all felt wanted and loved.

She is predeceased by her parents Albert Boetticher and Barbara Boetticher. Her brother Karl Boetticher and her beloved Welsh corgi Sherwood.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years Herbert A. Colby III, daughter Gretchen O'Brien and her husband John, Herbert A. Colby IV and his wife Jen, Catherine Volinski and her husband Jay. Her precious grandchildren, Sophia and Colin O'Brien, Herbert A. 5th, Charlie Colby and Micah Volinski. Her loving sister Karen Greene of West Chester, PA who helped her navigate some tough times. Sisters Gail Stokes of Jamestown, RI and

Leslie Holmes of Paoli, PA as well as several nieces and nephews.

Wendy was the kindest, most compassionate person, who greeted each day with a smile and found joy in all the little things that life has to offer. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and her spirit will continue to guide her family through this very difficult time.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High St. Newburyport, MA 01950. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, Wendy's request would be to make donations to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High St. Newburyport, MA 01950.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Service

APR 21. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
166 High Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Tribute Wall

GS

“ I am shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Wendy's passing. She was so wise and compassionate. She was a great listener and when she spoke you knew she carefully thought about her words. If I were not in California I would attend her memorial service. My deepest sympathy. I will keep Herb and your family in my prayers.

Ginny Seely - April 18 at 10:28 AM



“ Wendy, my friend, you will always have a piece of my heart. You were the kindest and wisest person I've ever known. Your laughter will always be with me. You told me you were at peace on the river. Bye my friend.
Peace and Love to Herb and the girls,
Lorrie

Lorraine Locy - April 17 at 12:39 PM

MJ

“ Wendy was a treasure to anyone who knew her. I looked forward to seeing her in the office of the Congregational Church of Topsfield. Her kind and gentle manner was so genuine and I feel very blessed to have known her. Ed and I send her family our deepest sympathy.

Mary Jelinek - April 15 at 06:12 PM

CI

“ I so miss our chats at the Congregational Church of Topsfield. No matter how busy Wendy was she always made time to share her sweet smile and personality with everyone. Such a gift, and will be so missed.
Cathy Imboden

cathy Imboden - April 14 at 05:53 PM

JG

“ Thank you, dear Wendy, for your dedication and service to the Congregational Church of Topsfield community. We miss you and love you.
Judith and Gary Gosbee

Judith Gosbee - April 14 at 04:40 PM

CM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Wendy's passing. We sang together in St. Paul's Choir for many years and she was always ready to help me. She was such a caring, soft spoken woman with such a kind heart. I will always remember her. Sending love and blessings to her and her family.

Cindy MacIsaac



Cindy MacIsaac - April 14 at 12:11 PM

KP

“ Wendy was a kind, compassionate and beautiful soul with a smile and presence that would light up the room. I am blessed to have known her. She will be missed. My sincere condolences to her family.

Kate Portrie - April 14 at 07:47 AM

BB

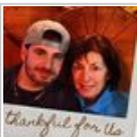
“ What comes immediately to mind is a slow, seemingly shy smile that would spread across her beautiful face. Sometimes it ended in laughter; sometimes it held just that way, leaving me with the impression that Wendy knew something, understood something, that was maybe a little beyond my reach, let alone grasp. I never had the feeling that she was laughing AT me, but that she had understood a punchline I hadn't gotten to yet. A wise, kind woman. Bill B.

Bill Burtis - April 13 at 10:11 AM

NH

“ I am truly blessed to have had Wendy as a friend, She was one of the sweetest, kindest, honest women I have ever known. She always wanted to know what was going on in my life, even when she had so much going on near the end of hers. And LAUGH, Oh, she could laugh!! Her obituary says it all so well. Condolences to her children, grandchildren, husband, and all who loved her so much. Love never dies. Nancy Jean Hill

Nancy Jean Hill - April 12 at 04:00 PM



“ I will be forever grateful to have known Wendy. We spent many years enjoying our children together and she was always kind, considerate and welcoming. She will forever live on through her three beautiful children and adoring grandchildren. Peace and love to the family.
Gale

Gale Brunault - April 12 at 01:47 PM