



Karen Wright

April 28, 1938 - December 21, 2018

Karen Wright entered Heaven's gate on December 21, 2018. For the last year she fought hard against a rare autoimmune disease (Lichen Planus). The disease coupled with the side effects of her treatment ultimately ended her precious life. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Murray, her daughters Sheri and Monica, 12 grandchildren and 21 greatgrandchildren w/2 more on the way. She was predeceased by daughters, Shelly, Keri and Valeri.

Mom had a degree in education and spent much of her working life teaching but being a wife, mother and grandmother were her life's passion and joy. Family and friends were everything to her. Mom was the epitome of service and selflessness. Pretty sure 70% of Washington county has received service and/or cards from mom and many more outside that area.

Mom loved family history. She has gathered and written dozens of histories herself. Grateful for her and my dad's heritage she wanted to know everything she could about their ancestors. She and dad's histories were the last she worked on, fortunately completing this effort before she got sick.

Mom had an unwavering faith in God, believing his purpose was in everything. If we had faith in His love for us, we could endure well the challenges we would face in this life. Few people have been faced with life's struggles to the degree my mom has. In all this and in the happier times as well she put others

needs before her own. This came naturally to her because she loved so much. It's that simple.

Mom has said many times she and the Lord were "going to have a little chat" about taking her kids too soon. I'd love to hear how that goes. Until then, she is having the most glorious reunion imaginable right now. Not only with her loving family that has gone before her but with some of the countless people whose lives she touched.

Until we see you again mom, we'll do our best to follow the example you set for us.

Viewing to be held:

Saturday, December 29th @ 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

452 North 2600 West

Hurricane, UT 84737

Services to be held:

Saturday, December 29th @ 11:00 a.m.

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Mortuary:

Serenity Funeral Home

1316 S. 400 E. #A5

St. George, UT 84790

435-986-9100

Tribute Wall

MW

“ To all of Karen's family, my deepest condolences. Karen was my best friend in the senior class. I was only at Hurricane one year and we rode the bus together from Zion to Rockville to Hurricane. Karen was responsible for finding me to make sure I started coming to the Class of '56 reunions. She was the heart and soul of that class. Karen and I also conversed many times over the years when health issues arose in her family. My last conversations with her, both by email and telephone were the summer and early fall of 2018. It was obvious that she had a major issue for which no one was giving her any good answers. When I continued to try and make contact, without success, I emailed Antone and Marilyn Bringhurst and it they who ultimately passed on the news of Karen's death. I have lost one of my heroines. Karen had a life filled with too many challenges. No mother should have to bury two daughters.

She was energetic, dedicated, loyal, intelligent and a number of other adjectives. She was my friend. I was the only "gentile" in the class of 1956. That didn't matter to Karen (or anyone else for that matter). I am a better person for knowing Karen. She made a positive difference everywhere she went. I will miss her.

Fondly,

Martin W. Wilcox, M.D.

Hurricane High School Class of 1956



Martin Wilcox - January 30, 2019 at 11:53 PM

MW

“ I spent only my senior year at Hurricane High School while living in Zion. I met Karen on the bus when she boarded in Rockville. She was one of those folks who took a newcomer and made him feel welcome even though I was a gentile. After graduation, I left SW Utah to peruse a degree in medicine. I got all discombobulated with life and nearly forgot my senior class. Until just prior to our 35th reunion. Somehow Karen tracked me down and I came home to Hurricane. And to all the subsequent reunions. Our friendship was enriched subsequent to that. We remained in close contact until this year when lichen planus invaded her life. And now she is gone and I didn't get to say good bye.

She was the heart and soul of that senior class of 1956. Maybe not so much while we were in high school but in later years. Many of the aspects of all those reunions were successful due to Karen's efforts. And always with a genuine smile or laugh.

Karen endured so very much from life. Her burdens seem far greater that most have to bear. We are not supposed to have to bury our children. But Karen did. More than once. I never once heard her complain. She just dealt with what life threw at her with grace and a special kind of elegance.

Hurricane has lost one of it pillars and I have lost one of my dearest friends. All of my heroes are dying. Karen, enjoy those children who are now in the same realm as you are. And may you always be wrapped in a cocoon of happiness.

Murray, you and the rest of your family have my condolences. She was a lady.

Martin W. Wilcox, M.D.

Martin Wilcox - December 31, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SC

“ Karen was one of the Wright cousins which brought my mother, Eileen, great Joy. She cherished every Wright cousin's reunion, lunch date, and visit. she talked frequently about the cousins. Karen shared encouragement, smiles and laughter which warmed my heart. I thank God for sharing her with us. I know she has joined her cousins, which have gone before us, for another joyful reunion. God Bless and our prayers are with the family.

Sandra B. Call

Sandra Blake Call - December 29, 2018 at 10:34 AM

KC

“ Murray, This Keith Cornelius of Virgin Utah, we were in Hurricane High School together. I was just reading the St. George News and found That your better half had passed away, I'm very sorry for family. I met her a time or two, very nice Lady. God bless your Family.

Keith Cornelius - December 27, 2018 at 11:01 PM