



Wendy Yukiko Asano

August 14, 1955 - December 3, 2017

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Wendy Yukiko Asano, 62, died peacefully in Legacy Hopewell House Hospice in Portland on December 3, 2017 with her husband and son by her side. She had been life flighted from the Good Samaritan Hospital emergency room to the Legacy Emanuel Hospital Neural Trauma ICU in Portland after suffering a severe brain aneurism on November 14.

Wendy was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Tsutae and Hoichi Asano. She grew up in Ewa and Pearl City, Oahu. After graduation from Mid-Pacific Institute, she attended the University of Hawaii-Manoa, earning a bachelor's degree in 1978, and master's degree in 1981, both in horticulture. Her career included research work for the University of Hawaii experiment stations in Kauai and Maui, and the UH NifTAL Project in Paia, Maui. She also specialized in tissue culture production of orchids for two private companies on Oahu. Wendy also worked a year as a research associate at the University of Iowa, Department of Biology.

After Wendy's son was born in 1994, Wendy left her research position in the Oregon State University's Department of Horticulture, and became a full-time mom. She also was a volunteer at Corvallis High School and big supporter of her son's tennis team.

Wendy enjoyed reading mystery novels and the Sunday New York Times. She was a wonderful cook and accomplished tennis player at Timberhill Tennis Club and pickleball at Timberhill Athletic Club. She loved listening to music and growing vegetables every summer in the backyard. Her tomatoes provided sauce for pasta dishes all winter long. She loved and cared for the family's cats who loved her in return.

Wendy and her husband Larry enjoyed traveling. In their 33 years of marriage, they visited several countries in western Europe, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, England, and many states and national parks in the U.S. In October, they joined their son Lorne and visited the temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia and traveled the length of Vietnam from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi. Wendy became a very good photographer on these trips.

Wendy is survived by her husband Larry Bulling, son Lorne Bulling, and sister Chery Asano Ford and brother-in-law Stan Ford of Arizona.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff in the Good Samaritan Hospital emergency room and Legacy Emanuel Hospital Neural Trauma ICU. They did everything possible to try to save Wendy.

A memorial service for Wendy will be held Saturday, December 30, at 10 am, in McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis.

Donations in Wendy's memory may be made to Legacy Hopewell House Hospice, 6171 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR 97329.

Please leave condolences for the family at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com .

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 30. 10:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wendy Yukiko Asano*



McHenry Funeral Home - December 26, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Dear Larry and Lorne,
We are so sorry for your loss. Wendy was a beautiful, gentle soul with a great smile and kind heart. Our thoughts are with you.
Loretta Brenner, David Smith, and Jackson*

Loretta Brenner - December 30, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Meeting Wendy at the Timberhill Tennis Club was a joy. She and I were both of Japanese heritage and from Hawaii. We did not see each other often but she was always so friendly and enjoyed our conversations when we did happen to see each other. I am so saddened by her loss.
Kathleen Lee*

Kathleen Lee - December 29, 2017 at 11:59 PM

Barb Schmitz

“ 1 file added to the album Wendy Asano



Barb Schmitz - December 29, 2017 at 09:14 PM

LT

“ Wendy was such a wonderful friend — I’ll always cherish memories of working together at NiFTEL, hiking around Maui ,or just going to the beach! I always chuckle when I remember the Halloween I made that horrible “green” lasagna, and like a trooper, she ate it with a smile. Only Wendy! Goodbye my friend, thank you for the gift of your friendship, your humor, and let’s not forget - introducing me to Dobash cake! I will eat a slice for you!

Much Aloha!

Leanne Tanouye

Leanne Tanouye - December 29, 2017 at 08:13 PM

“ Wendy had a positive spirit and it was a joy to work alongside her. -
Teresa Harris

*Wendy had a great smile and sense of humor. I looked forward to
her quick come-backs. - Betty Brose*

Wendy was always so pragmatically cheerful. - Karin Krakauer

*Enjoyed working with Wendy. We both liked to snack and had a love
of coconut! - Linda Cook*

*Always cheerful and smiling. She was the "Grumby" of the group
because she was so flexible and willing to help where needed. -
Sandi Olsen*

*She was such a kind spirit, brighten your day when she walked in. -
Maura Marangoni*

A true friend and team player with a challenging wit. - Irma Sargent

*Wendy was a wonderful person to be around and work with. She
always had a smile and kind word to share with everyone, and
brought a great deal of joy into our office. She is greatly missed. -
Jeff Doty*

*Wendy always walked into the office with a smile! What a privilege
to have worked with a capable and dependable person that was
kind and cheerful. - Saw-Ling Moy-Santiago*

*Pray that we accept the bits and pieces of humility and wonder that
Wendy left behind and never question and never regret. For we all
live for each other. - Pat McCann*

Larry and Lorne, we are so sorry for your great loss.

Elections and Passports Office Staff.

Elections and Passports Office - December 28, 2017 at 03:42 PM

CA

“ *Larry, I am so sorry for your sudden loss. You have been in my thoughts a lot. Hugs - Carol Savonen*

Carol - December 26, 2017 at 10:10 PM

DM

“ *What a BEAUTIFUL Soul.
What a BEAUTIFUL Smile.*

Wendy's family: So sorry for your unexpected loss. She is a loss for all of us as her spirit (and smile) SPARKLED.

It was pure JOY to PLAY pickleball with her.

Her smile and yest for life will contiune to live in my heart.

And My Heart?

Goes out to hug and comfort you.

I feel BLESSED to have known her.

Love and Healing,

Donna McCoy

Newport

Donna McCoy - December 22, 2017 at 01:53 PM

TS

“ *What a loss! Wendy was one of the most friendly people I have ever met! My thoughts & prayers are with her family. I enjoyed my time playing tennis with her at Timberhill Tennis Club.*

Tammy Skubinna - December 21, 2017 at 03:08 AM

LB

“ Larry - I was so sorry to hear of your wife's death. I'll be holding you and your son in my heart as you traverse this difficult time. Linda Bruslind

Linda Bruslind - December 20, 2017 at 04:27 PM

JS

“ So very sad to hear of Wendy's sudden passing. I knew her from our sons' tennis involvement. What a bright, strong presence she had. Lorne, it was cleared she loved you so much. We are thinking of you and your dad. Jana and Virgil (Agnew-Svoboda family)

Jana S - December 19, 2017 at 10:44 PM

 Donna McDonald

“ I barely knew Wendy but would see and talk to her at Timberhill Athletic Club. She was always so friendly and seemed interested in who she was conversing with. She shared with me about pickle ball and I watched as she played a few times.

I was so shocked to see her joyful face in the paper this morning and to know that she won't be at Timberhill anymore. May the many wonderful memories you have help you during this very difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Donna McDonald*

Donna McDonald - December 18, 2017 at 12:55 AM



“ Not sure if this posted yet, but I am shocked and saddened to learn of Wendy's passing. We volunteered together with the Corvallis High tennis team in 2007-2008. She was always a delight, cheerful and energetic. My condolences to Larry and Lorne and the rest of her family for their loss.

Karen Skjei - December 17, 2017 at 10:10 AM