



Marsha Wilenski

May 17, 1951 - October 6, 2012

In Wallingford, October 6, 2012 Marsha J. Wilenski, 61, of Hamden. Loving mother of Elizabeth Strucaly-Dudley and son in law Robert of Wallingford, sister of Roberta Connolly (Roger) of Hamden and Dorothy Gesino (Jack Paul) of Hamden, aunt of Meaghan, Emily and Joshua Gesino. She is also survived by her companion Ken Sherrick of Middletown his daughter Alison Went (David) their children Ethan and Molly, Ken's son Mark Sherrick (Katie) and their daughter Lily. Marsha was born in New Haven May 17, 1951 daughter of the late Teddy C. and Harriet Kort Wilenski. Prior to her retirement in 2008 she was an art teacher at Berlin High School. Marsha was a talented artist that loved knitting and even during her illness knitted hats for the homeless and afgans for the sick. She fought a courageous battle against cancer, always optimistic and brave. Marsha believed the impact someone has on the world is not measured by what they leave behind but rather by the lives they touched and left an impression on. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Thursday at 9:30 am, Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial in Centerville Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Marsha J. Wilenski Art Scholarship, C/O Berlin High School, 139 Patterson Way, Berlin, CT. 06037. www.siskbrothers.com

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Marsha's loved ones. She was a sweetheart of a girl. We went to Centerville School, Sleeping Giant, and Hamden High together and she lived right around the block from me here in Spring Glen. We would always talk when I saw her while I was walking my dogs. She was always sweet and kind and always concerned about the welfare of others. I'll miss her very much.

Carl Jordan - October 12, 2012 at 05:06 PM

KD

“ Dear Marsha's Family I'm sure you do not recognize me. Marsha and I were friends in high school and shared the same birthday. We always laughed about that. I was DeVeglia then. I remember when she lived on Thompson St. in Hamden and just the other day I was talking to someone from our year about a reunion and I thought of your mom. She was a good friend in school and special person. I truly am sorry for your loss. Always Karen

Karen DiCaprio - October 10, 2012 at 03:34 PM

SM

“ Susan Morris

I just found out today that Miss Wilenski, a teacher at Berlin High, died from breast cancer. I have to say to all that knew her or didn't , that she was quite frankly my savior. She was a place of solace and comfort for a shy and bullied kid. She had this way about her that offered comfort and understanding for all her students from the pretty and rich ones to all of us that were just "normal". She told me I could do anything and to never treat another poorly. She taught me how to tell time for cripes sake. She is what all teachers should aspire to be. I have thanked God every day for her and now I will pray that he holds her close and watches over her. Goodbye Miss Wilenski. You will live in my heart forever.

Susan Morris - October 10, 2012 at 03:18 PM

KZ

“ Ms. Wil (as we used to call her at BHS) was an amazing person and teacher. I remember giving her a fleet on the last day of my senior year because she was/is my favorite teacher. Ms. Wil you'll never be forgotten!

Katie Z - October 10, 2012 at 02:39 PM

AS

“ It is a tragedy to lose someone so great. During my time at Berlin High School, Ms. Wils (as we all called her) made an enormous impact on my life. She taught me the healing power that art possesses and she is the reason I am perusing my dream of becoming an art therapist. She was so much more than my art teacher. She was always there when I needed advice or a shoulder to cry on, she pushed me when I doubted myself, and she even laughed at my corny jokes. I will never forget Ms. Wils because she changed my life.

Amber Sanchez - October 10, 2012 at 12:15 PM

MD

“ To the family and friends of Marsha, my sincere condolences. I remember Marsha from so far back. Centerville School, Sleeping Giant, Hamden High School. I am so very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person to have known.

Mike Devine - October 09, 2012 at 04:49 PM

JV

“ Liz, Roberta and Dorothy - Our hearts are heavy today hearing about Marsha's passing and even more so since we will not be at the services due to us being out of the country traveling. We treasure the memories we had growing up together. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our deepest condolences, Janet & Bob

Janet Hand & Bob Vibberts - October 09, 2012 at 04:41 PM

JO

“ Marsha was a truly wonderful, caring teacher and person. Her open and gentle presence touched many lives at BHS. My heartfelt sympathy to family and friends. God Bless!

John O'Connell - October 09, 2012 at 03:59 PM

BJ

“ To my loving cousin, I will always remember all the fun times as kids during our family gatherings. Thoughts are with you, Elizabeth, Dorothy and Roberta. Love from Europe.

Bev Hand and Paul Joubert - October 09, 2012 at 02:42 PM

BL

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Barb & Tom Layton - October 09, 2012 at 02:36 PM

LE

“ I am very sad that I am unable to get off the island to come to Marsha's wake or funeral. I hear her voice in my head, reassuring me that it is OK. Marsha was a dear friend and colleague. She befriended me from my very first days at BHS, and our friendship continued until this day. She was a devoted teacher and a caring, sympathetic person to her students. I know she made a positive difference in the lives of these young people. She missed teaching and her students greatly after she retired. Marsha was brave, kind, thoughtful--a truly good person. I will miss her dearly and my thoughts and prayers go out to all her loved ones.

Louise Elliott - October 09, 2012 at 01:12 PM

DR

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Marsh, I know the deep pain that comes with losing someone you love so much. My father passed away just a couple months ago. Cancer is such a painful thing not only for the one suffering but for the care giver. May you find comfort from the love of family and friends and the promise that one day soon "God will wipe every tear from our eyes and death will be no more." (Revelation 21:4) My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Debbie Rich - October 09, 2012 at 10:01 AM

AS

“ Marsha was a good friend and colleague for over 30 years. She will be missed.

Audrey Schubach - October 09, 2012 at 09:39 AM

DS

“ *Marsha touched generations of Berlin kids as they discovered creativity and sensitivity in her art classes. She was a tremendously positive and thoughtful colleague. My sympathy to Marsha's family and friends. David Scannell*

David Scannell - October 09, 2012 at 08:22 AM

MS

“ *Liz, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful person who loved you more than anything in the world. You are her greatest achievement in life. I am so proud of the job she did raising you to be the strong woman you are today. She will be in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace Marsh.*

Mark R. Strucaly - October 08, 2012 at 08:29 PM

US

“ *Dear Liz, Ken and families, my heartfelt condolences to you. I know that words cannot take away your sorrow, but remember all the good times. Marsha was a very good and caring friend and I miss her terribly.*

Ursula Spiegel - October 08, 2012 at 05:09 PM