



Wendy Merrick Hansen

April 30, 1965 - March 23, 2017

Wendy Merrick Hansen, daughter of George E. (Gene) Merrick and Leona Nelson, was born April 30, 1965 in Ogden, Utah. Wendy died peacefully at home March 23, 2017, South Jordan, Utah with family at her side. Wendy was sealed for time and all eternity to Douglas James Hansen October 14, 1995 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Wendy was raised in West Valley, Utah where she attended Cyprus High School, graduating in 1983. After High school she attended Salt Lake Community College where she earned an associate's degree in business in 1989. Wendy worked at First Security Bank and Merrill Lynch until her graduation. Wendy will be eternally grateful to friends that reintroduced her to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and inspired her to serve a mission to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Upon her return from New Mexico, Wendy continued her education at the University of Utah. It was there that she and Doug met and started dating. Wendy graduated with a bachelor's degree in Accounting in June of 1995. She and Doug were engaged in July, and married in October, he still wonders why she said "yes", but is so grateful she did.

Immediately following graduation, Wendy worked for Questar Gas until shortly after the birth of her first son, Nathan, in July 1999. Her second son, Seth, followed in January 2002. Her boys stole her heart from the first time she laid eyes on them, and they remained the love of her life throughout. On her most difficult days, nothing brought a smile to her face faster than hearing a "hi mom" from one of her boys. At the end, her favorite time of day was after bedtime prayers when she would say "come here youz twos" and kiss them each on the head. Whether working on a craft project with them, going to lunch or on a hike, or just being "that mom" on the sideline of a rec league soccer game, she dedicated what energy she had to her boys. We know she continues to watch over them.

Wendy enjoyed being busy all the time and particularly enjoyed scrapbooking and cross stitching. She left a treasure of memories for her family through the pages she lovingly created and the needlework she stitched. She loved being outdoors and particularly liked

to hike at Silver Lake or go on walks through the various gardens throughout the valley. While her health permitted, she particularly enjoyed going to the temple often. Wendy was a diehard Utes fan and never missed a football game. Even after she could no longer attend in person, she watched every game on TV with her mother-in-law. As health limited her activities, she always found something else she could do to enjoy life, and always found a reason to be happy and try to raise the spirits of her family and others around her.

She fought a courageous thirteen-year battle with Huntington's Disease with grace and dignity. Her faith in Christ and determined spirit gave her strength to meet each challenge and her compassionate heart drove her to serve others as she could. She was always grateful to those that served her and there are many who already miss hearing her say "thanks again". Wendy felt a special bond with the women at church and particularly those facing personal challenges. She loved serving in various callings in the Relief Society and Young Women's organization, but none more than being a visiting teacher, where she could serve individually. Her care was always for those that suffered and people were always her priority. We have lost a beautiful wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. God is rejoicing in the return of a faithful daughter.

Wendy is survived by her husband Douglas, sons Nathan and Seth, father Gene Merrick, sister Michelle (Bryan) Burnham, and parents-in-law LaVoy and Janice Hansen who loved her as a daughter, siblings-in-law Steven & DeAnn Hansen, Lynne & William (Bill) Squires, Jeffrey & Elaine Hansen, Terry & Carol Hansen, Gregory & Rachelle Hansen and Susan & Randy Breen who loved her as a sister, and 26 young people that call her "aunt".

Preceded in death by her mother, Leona Nelson.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday March 28, 2017 at the LDS Glenmoor Stake Center at 4881 West Cindy Lane South Jordan, Utah. A viewing will be held two hours prior to the service on Tuesday as well as on Monday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, also at 4881 West Cindy Lane.

The family wishes to thank the sisters of the Glenmoor 10th and 5th Ward relief societies for their years of loving service. We also wish to thank Dr. Kevin Johnson and the staff at Jordan Valley Internal Medicine and Peak Hospice for their compassionate treatment. Doug and the boys would especially like to thank Grandma (Janice) and Wendy's sisters-in-law for many years of dinners, lunches, cleaning and love. The Hansen brothers all married well, and we were blessed for it.

Memories and condolences may be shared at <http://www.serenityfhs.com>

Events

MAR 27 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Glenmoor 5th Ward
4881 Cindy Lane, South Jordan, UT, US, 84095

MAR 28 **Viewing** 09:00AM - 11:00AM
Glenmoor 5th Ward
4881 Cindy Lane, South Jordan, UT, US, 84095

MAR 28 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Glenmoor 5th Ward
4881 Cindy Lane, South Jordan, UT, US, 84095

MAR 28 **Graveside Service** 12:30PM - 01:00PM
South Jordan Cemetery
10650 S 1055 W, South Jordan, UT, US

Comments



“ Wendy was my last and favorite mission companion. Some of my favorite memories with her are our hikes, first in the Sandias in New Mexico on our mission, and later a few Utah trails. She was a great strength to me during some challenging times. Sending love to Doug and your boys.

Wendy Dorton - February 04, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Megan Hansen lit a candle in memory of Wendy Merrick Hansen



Megan Hansen - May 08, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ Megan Hansen sent a virtual gift in memory of Wendy Merrick Hansen



Megan Hansen - May 08, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ I am Wendy's niece Megan and I miss her so much, I can't explain how much I miss her. If she was still here, I would tell her how much I love and care about her. I love you Doug, Seth, and Nathan.

Megan Hansen - May 08, 2018 at 12:42 PM



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Russell - March 27, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ This newspaper clipping is from April of 1970. Wendy, Glen and I were asked to pose with some playground animals for a new park. The three of us lived very close and spent a lot of time playing when we were very young. Wendy was always such a sweet and kind person. My condolences to her family,

Russell Woolstenhulme - March 27, 2017 at 11:57 PM



“ Jerry and I always will remember Doug and Wendy as young marrieds expecting their first born; picking up rocks from the back yard and dropping them into a metal bucket.

We laughed and said, "you are fighting a losing battle. . . those rocks have babies and they will be found tomorrow laying on the ground." We remember after Nate was born Wendy carrying him over to play in a shallow kids swimming pool set up to entertain Nate and Wendy and Glo and our first born grandson living with us Cherished memories include the Ute ballgame when ALL the Hansen family came over to watch it on T.V. with us - the entire family all dressed in RED shirts and hats ! It was a ball !'

We knew that Nate was a gifted child. . . never walked early, but could speak in full sentences around 8-9 months of age. Wendy was always a dotting mother and fun person to be around. She shared her many fun ideas with our grandson when he would have a play date with Nate, before Seth came to join their family.

We were privileged to be back fence neighbors to the wonderful Hansen family. Borrowing and sharing tools, getting our yards planted seemed much more fun when we did it at the same time. WENDY WILL DEFINITELY BE MISSED. We love the Hansen family always. You bet, she'll be watching her son's as they serve their missions and marry beautiful young women in the temple. She will be just a whisper away.

Love you Wendy; so happy you are FREE from the ugly disease that took over your body. You will always be beautiful to us all.

The Jerry and Glo, Kami Jones family, Mindee Meyer family, and Holly Carver family.

Jerry and Gloria GREENHAGEN - March 27, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ I knew Wendy before her mission. My sister in-law set me up on a date with her after I had been home from my mission for a time. We dated for several months but a long-term relationship was not meant to be.

Wendy was an awesome gal. She had a desire to give the gospel a chance. You could see her testimony blossom and grow and one could tell that she was destined to be a great disciple of Jesus Christ. I cannot, nor do I, take credit for her conversion. She had far too many good friends who, by their example, shared testimonies with her. It was so great to hear of her mission call and I have no doubt that she was a great missionary.

I am grateful to hear of her life after I lost track of her. It sounds like she lived an awesome life and I am so glad she stayed valiant in the gospel. Her husband and boys will be in my prayers. She was definitely a person of influence in my life that I will not forget.

Robert Harper

Robert Harper - April 01, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We know first hand how difficult this can be. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May Heavenly Father bless you with peace and comfort.

Love, Jana Miller Klein

Jana Klein - March 27, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ I had the wonderful opportunity to work with her in young women before her disease . She was such a great example, so loving and thoughtful of others. Was such a joy to be around.

Cindy Hathcock - March 26, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ I was not lucky enough to know her before her illness struck, but I have been tremendously blessed to have known her these past 8 years. I loved having lunch with her and hearing her talk about "dad and the boys." Her heart was full of love even when she couldn't find the words. I will miss her very much!

Dawn Jones - March 26, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ Gene Merrick, Wendy's Father lit a candle in memory of Wendy Merrick Hansen



Gene Merrick, Wendy's father - March 26, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ Gene Merrick, Father lit a candle in memory of Wendy Merrick Hansen



Gene Merrick, Father - March 26, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ Michelle Burris Hospice RN lit a candle in memory of Wendy Merrick Hansen



Michelle Burris Hospice RN - March 26, 2017 at 08:43 AM