



## Wendy Sue Hanson

December 4, 1962 - August 16, 2016

Wendy Sue Hanson

1962- 2016

Wendy Sue Hanson, age 53, passed away on Saturday, August 6th at LDS Hospital from complications of

CIDP—Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuritis. She was born born December 4, 1962 in Salt Lake

City, Utah to John and Carol Hanson.

Wendy was a strong, joyful, woman and mother. She delighted in raising her daughter Elham. She cherished the time she spent with her daughter and loved to encourage her to do everything she put her mind to. Wendy was a mother to all. Many people considered her a mother figure; she would take anyone in and consider them family. She cared for all, in her career as a nurse and in all of her relationships with friends and family. Wendy was a loving caregiver for her parents in their last months and years on Earth. She loved everyone. She was

extremely grateful for the love of all of her friends and family and she wished to thank everyone who helped care for her and who visited her. Her siblings and other family members were a constant source of encouragement on this journey for which she counted herself grateful. She was especially grateful to Maxine for devoting years of her life to care for Wendy.

Wendy loved to travel and learn about culture. She was blessed to see many places around the world including Thailand, Mexico, all of Europe, and many Middle Eastern countries. She served a Presbyterian Medical Mission in the Middle East and the people she met there impacted her entire life. She loved them and cared for them, naming her daughter after “Big Elham,” a woman who was a great influence in Wendy’s life. She wished to thank the Palestinian people for welcoming her into their family. Their impact on her guided her to write a book about her journeys and experiences in the Middle East, titled My Promise to Palestine. These experiences touched her and changed her forever. Wendy was a very dedicated, loving, and a well-rounded person. She loved to learn. Throughout her life her desire to read and write fueled her passion for knowledge. She loved animals and provided her house as a refuge for those animals that needed her. She

considered her pets her children and cared for them and taught them with love. She died a member of Chapter T. PEO, where her mother was originally initiated some 50 years ago.

Survived by: Maxine Potter, Elham Seaborn (Tony) Mia and Anthony (Grandchildren), Pam Sebastian (Phil), John Hanson (Katy), Jim Hanson, Nancy Hanson, Julie Card (Lance), Kristin Allen (Steve), Jesse Hanson (Kayla), Mona Moon (BFF)

Preceded in Death: Parents and Brother Baby Boy Hanson

The family would like to say thank you to Homewatch Care Givers and Intermountain Home Health for their help and caring.

Service Information: A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 26th, 6:00pm at Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 E Vine St, Salt Lake City, UT 84121.

A message from Wendy: To my extended family and circle of friends—it is difficult to find all the right words to thank you for all that you have given so freely to me over these past years. You were my peaceful warriors. You fought to keep me safe. We laughed until we cried. Even as my body failed, each of you pushed my heart and brain to work. Your gifts of laughter, your gift of smiles, your gifts of tears, and most of all your gifts of acceptance spread over me like blanket of love. Thank you for never making me feel silly or awkward. I did enough of that for myself. Each of you have a hand print on my heart that will never away. I have repeatedly said, “I feel blessed” and it is because of each of you. Such unselfish giving is remarkable. You each gave me a soft place to land. Some of you were pushed harder and farther than you wanted but never did you falter in your love and care for me. I don't know of a truer, braver, or more loving collect of friends than mine. I love you!

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity or organization



# Comments

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“ Oh Wendy,..... I did not know until today that you have left this earth onto your next journey. God Bless you! You are a beautiful woman and so many people loved you! Thank you for your friendship and talks. Blessings and comfort to your sweet daughter, your beautiful grand-daughter and Maxine that you loved so much. Comfort and blessing to envelope your loved ones today with heartfelt peace <3 Love from Mary Valentine

**Mary Valentine** - December 04, 2016 at 06:59 PM

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“ I met Wendy while working at LDS Hospital. We got to know each other on a personal level. She always brightened my day when I would see her. She was definitely a great woman to get to know.

- Wes Goodrich

**Wesley Goodrich** - August 29, 2016 at 04:55 AM

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“ Kay W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Wendy Sue Hanson.



**Kay W.** - August 27, 2016 at 03:31 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear about Wendy's passing. That girl was fun! When we were in High School, we called each other "Betty and Wilma" because of her red hair and my dark hair. My deepest sympathy to her family. Rest in Peace Wilma!

**Michelle Pulley Wallace** - August 25, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ Michelle, I remember that :) So sorry to hear that Wendy has passed. I grew up with her spent some fun times together. She and I attended Westvale Presbyterian Church together. We joked that we should switch bodies because I hated being so short and she (at that time) didn't like being so tall.

**Ernie Cassler** - August 26, 2016 at 09:29 AM

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“ My heart is breaking upon learning of this great loss! I received the call, "Guess who I found on Facebook?" but the tone was not quite right. I asked who. "Wendy Hanson" came the reply. "Really!?!11" My heart sang as my mind flooded with laughter, smiles, giggles and tears of joy from all of the great Girl Scout memories with Wendy. "Tell me more," I said. "It's sad news. She passed on August 16th and there is a Celebration of Life in her honor on August 26th." Extreme moments of happiness and sheer joy to a deep sadness and loss. I have not seen Wendy since we were just girls. The impact she had on me at such a young age will continue with me forever. Her beautiful red hair, bright smile and positive energy will stay with me always. Wendy, you are truly unforgettable! Love you my friend!

**Ramona Lobato Clark** - August 24, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ To my dear Hanson friends. You know how important the Hansons were in my childhood. my memories are sweet and my heart hurts knowing that Wendy has passed. please accept my condolences.

**carolyn phelps** - August 25, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ So very sorry to hear about Wendy's death. Knowing her, I'm certain she went out fighting. With all the health problems she had, she always had a great attitude and was kind to others. May her memory be eternal. Angela Hallstrom

**Angela Hallstrom** - August 25, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ One of my all-time favorite people. Such a comic, learned nurse, caring mother and grandmother, and so like her own fabulous mother. I will forever have fond memories of you, my dear friend. Your legacy will live on in your amazing daughter and grandchildren. You were blessed but we were the more blessed to have you in our life.

**Kay Whetstone** - August 27, 2016 at 02:21 PM

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“ Ramona Lobato Clark lit a candle in memory of Wendy Sue Hanson



**Ramona Lobato Clark** - August 24, 2016 at 05:00 PM

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“ Wendy – You were always the sweetest Young Humanitarian Award judge! You read every application with such care. Thank you for your giving heart and countless hours of community service!

Sincerely,  
Jerika Mays

**Jerika Mays** - August 24, 2016 at 11:31 AM

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“ Well my sister you will be missed, but you fought a good fight my friend. We shared a lot of laughs making your life story for your daughter and granddaughter. I wish I could have gotten to see you more, but you were called home too soon for me to get out. I love you friend and I can't wait to see you on the other side of the veil when all is restored. Save me a seat, our laughs won't end So glad your final year or two were happy ones, and you were loved. You got to see both your grandchildren and that is something you never thought you would make it to the first one's birth.

**Mary-Margaret Northway** - August 22, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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“ Wendy you will be always remembered in East Jerusalem and in the West Bank as " I'm Elwind " the American Palestinian volunteer and the friend of the YMCA who enjoyed living with the people and working for peace in Palestine .

Windy Hanson thank you for your friendship , care , understanding and support , you will be always in our thoughts and prayers , and as we always discussed the future we promise you that we will keep hope alive and work for a free Palestine .

Your friend  
Michel Asfour

**michel asfour** - August 22, 2016 at 01:36 PM

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“ I am so greatful to know Wendy. Her peaceful strength is inspiring. I have a fond memory of her picking me up to go see our girls at the HHS Prom. Loved showing up and smiling and waving at our kids. Never would have done that with out her. Great days with her and our girls. Love you Miss Wendy! Love you Elham!

**Susan H.** - August 21, 2016 at 01:38 PM

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**amer** - August 21, 2016 at 02:22 AM

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“ I always enjoyed her visit to the wound care clinic. Despite being in pain and clearly suffering, I never heard her complain. I'm glad to have known her in my life.

**Andrew** - August 20, 2016 at 05:27 PM

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“ My earliest memories of Wendy is her calling me the little "shit" and her telling me to stop making My mother worry so much. As I grew she always told me how proud she was of how I turned out. My mother cherished Wendy as her best friend, and loved her..as we all loved her. ELHAM you have officially been adopted! Love, Annie

**Annie Weippert** - August 20, 2016 at 04:59 PM

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“ Wendy always had a heart full of love for all those around her. I met her in person only a few times, but our connection was immediate. Her passion for global peace and activism inspired me to better develop my capacity to serve. She was a woman of inspiring example. We will miss her---the world will miss her

**Kajska Berlin-Kaufusi** - August 20, 2016 at 03:33 PM