



Claudia McLaughlin Wilkinson

May 4, 2013

Claudia McLaughlin Wilkinson, of Powell, Ohio, born October 5, 1938, died unexpectedly Saturday, May 4, 2013. She is predeceased by her parents Dolf and Sylvia McLaughlin. She is survived by her devoted husband of 51 years, Kenneth J. Wilkinson, her children, Jennifer (Ronald Smith), Paul (Kate) and John (Bonny Claxton) and her six beloved grandchildren, Kenneth, Claudia, Wesley, Ann, Parker and Calla. Her brother D. Thomas McLaughlin (Rosemary) also survives her. Claudia was born in Widen, WV and raised in Akron, Ohio. She graduated from the University of Akron (B.A., member of Alpha Delta Pi) and The Ohio State University (M.A. and PhD.) Claudia was a dedicated and skilled educator. She taught in Pennsylvania prior to the birth of her children and then had a distinguished teaching career with the Westerville and Dublin schools, from which she retired as a guidance counselor. Along with her commitment to family and education, Claudia was devoted to her faith. A life-long Presbyterian, she served as an elder and in various other capacities at the Worthington Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. She was committed to the mission of the church, particularly to education and women's ministry. She was also an active member of PEO. Claudia was a loving, caring person who was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Calling hours will be from 4:00-8:00p.m. TUESDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) A

Memorial Service will be held 2:00pm. WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013 at the WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 773 High St., Worthington, Oh 43085. Graveside Services will be held 1:00pm. THURSDAY at Rose Hill Cemetery, Akron, Ohio. Memorial gifts may be made to Worthington Presbyterian Church, designated to Presbyterian Women United mission projects. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Wilkinson Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Claudia McLaughlin Wilkinson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry to your family for the loss of Claudia. I remember her as such a special and always happy person. Sincerely Pam Slaughter*

Pamela Slaughter - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Claudia's passing away. From Karen...may you rest in peace and have eternal happiness in heaven my dear cousin Claudia. Prayers for you Ken and family. We all love you guys from WV.*

Karen, Kristi, Chuck Jones and family - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *It is with out deepest prayers that we send condolences to the Wilkinson family.*

McCormick Theological Seminary - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear John and family: We were so sorry to hear about the death of your mother. We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you and praying for you in this time of grief and sadness. In peace, Walt and Linda Bay*

Walt and Linda Bay - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Dear John and family: My deep sympathies to you and your family on the death of your mother. May the support of friends, other family members and your faith carry you all through this time of sadness. Grace and peace, Christine

Rev. Dr. Christine Vogel - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Prayers for the entire Wilkinson family during this time of loss. So many give thanks for the gifts of Claudia's life and service even as we hold you all in prayer. May God's presence circle you in ways you cannot deny. Peace, Marcia Mount Shoop (COGA Colleague of John's)

The Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Paul, Kate & Family, My deepest sympathies in the loss of your Mom.

Susan Rosta - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We are crying with you and praying for all of you. Words cannot express our sadness at this time. "Coffee time" at Worthington Presbyterian Church will never be quite the same without the opportunity to spend time talking with Claudia. Her smile and presence will be sorely missed.

Doris & Howard Moye - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Claudia and I grew up in the same neighborhood. She was 6 years older than me, the perfect "big sister." When I was old enough to attend church, she invited me to go with her. Every Sunday, we would walk to church together, rain or shine. She always had a lesson to offer me on the way, already a teacher. She was kind and generous, smart and funny. She always had that great big smile and even greater heart. She gave the sermon on youth Sunday one year - it was wonderful. I wanted to stand up and applaud. Even in her youth, she was dynamic, strong and committed to her faith. God blessed me with her friendship. May God Bless her and all of you.

Judith Simpson Morgan - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear John and Bonnie, We are very saddened to learn of the death of your beloved mother and offer our sympathy for this great loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you face this significant separation. May all the happy memories that you hold sustain you in the days ahead. Blessings, peace and love, Morgan and Mary

Morgan and Mary Simmons - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear John and family, My condolences and prayers are with you in as you mourn this tremendous loss.

Barbara Corwin - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My condolences to the entire family. Claudia was a powerhouse of a woman and most certainly (even if indirectly) made me a better feminist! I admired her greatly and am very sorry she has passed. Much love to you all.

Deb Wolfert - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ken: So very sorry to learn of Claudia's passing. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!

Jan Simonis - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers and we hope that you find comfort in the wonderful memories of your beloved Mother and Grandmother.

Eric and Susan Shields - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Wilkinson and Smith Families, Wishing you comfort and peace in this difficult and sad time. Claudia was a dear woman who always showed genuine caring of and interest in others. May you feel blessed in knowing that many others will continue to think so fondly of her and strive to walk in her footsteps.

Cathe Moog - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Ken and family please accept my heartfelt sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Claudia has received her angel wings and I'm sure she is watching over all of you. I wish you peace over the next few days and much love from all your family and friends. Just rest in that peace. I hope I can make the trip to attend her memorial service. Love & prayers, Brenda

Brenda A. Dugan - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Greetings Wilkinson family, I am so sorry to hear the news of Mrs. Wilkinson's unexpected death. As you remember, we were neighbors and I spent a lot of time as a kid at your house! Mrs. Wilkinson was so full of zest and always bubbling with energy (except for one night when we neighborhood girls all slept over and must have made too much noise!) I have very fond memories of her out-and-about in the neighborhood and keeping up with the kids. I'm surprised and saddened to hear of her death. She always seemed like a good Mom and looked after all us kids in the neighborhood too. The last time I Mrs. Wilkinson was when I was at her elementary school for an event. She was in a classroom working with children who had lost their teacher due to an untimely death and I believe she was helping the young kids cope with the news. She was very gentle and kind and quickly remembered me and we had a nice visit. I'm very sorry about your loss. She was a great lady. Much love, Anne

Anne Sesler - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Claudia. She has been a pillar of this church for all the years I have known her and the void she will leave is immeasurable. My heart aches for her family, her friends and our church. Rest in peace dear Claudia and thank you for the gifts of your heart to all you touched throughout your life.

Susan Torrens - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. The Wiltshires

Carla Wiltshire - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ My heart breaks for your family as you mourn this wonderful wife, mother, grandmother. I have worked with Claudia many times before and will always remember her gentle kindness. May God be with all of you during this time of great sadness. Claudia will be missed.

Karen Linden - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are so saddened by the unexpected death of Claudia and grieve along with her family who loved her so dearly. We were blessed to have spent an evening with her and Ken at a couples dinner and so enjoyed learning more about both of them. They have both given tirelessly of themselves to others. She has arrived at the pearly gates and has walked right into the arms of Jesus...but all of us earthbound will still miss her dearly.

Larry and Leslie Snyder - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Ones, We are deeply saddened at the news of Claudia's sudden death yesterday. She was a dear, beloved friend to us and to so many. May God continue to comfort, guide and sustain each of you in the days and weeks ahead. Love and prayers, Bill, Dottie & Family

Bill & Dottie Briggs and Family - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ We were very saddened to hear of Claudia's passing. She was a wonderful, loving person and will be greatly missed. I have wonderful childhood memories of the Wilkinsons at First Pres. in Bucyrus. Heaven has received a wonderful angel. Love and sympathy to all, Amy and family

Amy Howard King - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM