



## Jessica L. Wilt

February 11, 1977 - November 12, 2015

Jessica L Wilt, age 38, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2015 at The James Cancer Hospital surrounded by family after a courageous 18-month battle against Ewing's Sarcoma. Jessica lived in New York City for the past 8 years prior to returning to Dublin, Ohio to stay with her parents during her cancer treatment. She is a 1995 graduate of Dublin High School, received her BFA in dance from the University of South Florida, MFA in choreography from The Ohio State University and founded ArtsEdTechNYC. Jessica touched many lives through the Team Jessica Wilt Facebook page; always positive and inspiring. A tap dancer at heart, Jessica fought tirelessly as an Arts Education Advocate, which was her passion. We will miss her beautiful smile and determination. She is survived by parents, Jeff and Julie, brothers, Jared (Audrey) and Justin (Laura) and sister, Jenna (fiancé David Sacolick), niece and nephew Olivia and Jacob Wilt, ex husband, Charles Landerfield and aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends. The family would especially like to thank her doctors David Liebner and Douglas Martin, and The James nursing staff, in particular 17 James. She received the most wonderful and compassionate care during her cancer journey. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Medical Oncology Sarcoma Fund #314857 at Ohio State <http://www.giveto.osu.edu> or Jessica Wilt Memorial Music Fund c/o Dublin Music Boosters, PO Box 4161, Dublin OH 43016. Family will receive friends at ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CHURCH, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin OH 43017 from 10-11:00 a.m. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 followed by

Mass of the Resurrection at 11:00 a.m. Lunch and fellowship immediately following. Jessica has requested this to be a celebration of her life and that everyone wear bright colors. Arrangements handled by Rutherford Funeral Home in Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. Please send condolences to: [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church

7179 Avery Road

Dublin, OH 43017

<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessica L. Wilt*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - November 19, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ *Jessica L. Wilt*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so saddened to hear the Jessica passed away. She was such an amazing spirit, who gave so much to those around her. I am truly heartbroken.*

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**Mara McEwin** - December 07, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ *I am so sorry to have learned that Jessica passed away. My heart is broken. She appeared to embrace life and live it fully. Its tragic to me that someone so kind, so innocent, so gifted - could be taken from us. I hope she has found peace. And I will pray for Jessica's family and friends in their time of mourning.*

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**Daniel Maly** - November 27, 2015 at 01:32 AM

KE

“ A tribute from Jessica's arts education community:



<http://blog.americansforthearts.org/2015/11/13/my-life%E2%80%99s-not-busy-it%E2%80%99s-full-except-today>

Kristen Engebretsen - November 19, 2015 at 10:01 AM

LY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today on this most difficult task. May the memories that you have in your heart give you peace.  
The Younkman Family

Linda Younkman - November 19, 2015 at 08:57 AM

HW

“ I will be thinking of Jessica and her family today. She was a happy, beautiful, brave, and shining light. She inspires me to be better.

Hannah Wan - November 19, 2015 at 08:34 AM

VS

“ Vickie & Wayne Hopson and Michael Salamon purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.



Vickie & Wayne Hopson and Michael Salamon - November 19, 2015 at 12:32 AM

VS

“ We knew Jessica from the Dublin Marching Band. She was a leader and a beautiful person and friend. We will never forget her lovely smile and her passion. May God bless Jess and her family and friends. She is dancing in Heaven.



*With Love, Vickie & Wayne Hopson and son Michael Salamon*

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**Vickie & Wayne Hopson & Mike Salamon** - November 18, 2015 at 11:12 PM

TR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult. May Jesica rest in eternal peace and dance with the angels in heaven. XOXO  
The Pasarella family~ Joe, Tracy, Nicole and Nicholas

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**tracy** - November 18, 2015 at 08:54 PM

TR

*Sorry I left out an s in her name.*

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**tracy** - November 18, 2015 at 08:56 PM

SL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you for the loss of Jessica. May God bless you all. The Lodico's*

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**Stacy Lodico** - November 19, 2015 at 08:41 AM

IS

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. It is evident that she was a good and kind person, loved and appreciated by many. I recently lost someone close to me and can appreciate the heartache words cannot describe. With that in mind, I am moved to share with you a thought that helped me through the pain. That is the words of Jesus himself in the book of John, chapter 5 and verse 28, 29. He said 'Do not be amazed at this. For the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice, and come out.' I was so relieved to know the bible talks about an earthly resurrection; a time of peace when we will see our loved ones again in perfect conditions according to God's own will. I encourage you to hold on to that hope and learn more. It is my sincere wish that learning of this will give you the comfort it gave me.

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Isabel - November 18, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.



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November 18, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.



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November 17, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.*



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November 17, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ *I promise you this, I have yet to meet someone as determined to succeed and as passionate about life as Jessica. I have never forgotten and will never forget her for as long as I live.*

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**Bryan Richards** - November 17, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.*



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November 16, 2015 at 11:12 PM



“ *Jessica inspired many students with her challenging dance classes and strong encouragement when she taught at The University of Tampa in 2005-06. The music for her piece in the 2006 Spring Dance Concert was "Dance Me to the End of Love," and it seems like she did dance with love throughout her life. We honor her memory and her wonderful contributions to the dance community, wherever she was.*

*Susan Taylor Lennon, Director  
UT Dance Program*

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**Susan Taylor Lennon** - November 16, 2015 at 05:10 PM

EC

“ To Jessica's family - I feel very blessed to have known Jessica. She was one of the first people I met when I first moved to New York City in 2009. Not only did we become friends and experienced many beautiful cultural moments together throughout the city, but moreover she taught me so much about how to impact young lives through the arts. The world is a better place for the work that Jessica championed, and she always brought such grit and passion to everything in her life. I know that Jessica is dancing her heart out and watching over us. My love and prayers to you during this time.

Eveline Chang - November 16, 2015 at 12:46 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. We are so very sorry for your loss.  
The Meyers family - Louise, April and Ryan



Louise Meyers - November 16, 2015 at 08:16 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.



November 15, 2015 at 11:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.*



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November 15, 2015 at 08:33 PM



“ *Condolences to you and all who loved and admired Jessica. Jessica's energy and extreme commitment to the arts and education made her an invaluable partner at the Dance Education Laboratory and other institutions throughout NYC. She will be missed.*

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**Catherine Gallant** - November 15, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ *Jessica was one of the very few truly good person I met in New York. She made the world better for others, she was tireless, passionate, dedicated, funny, smart. Such a big loss for all of us!*  
*With love*  
*Laure Vienot-Tronche*

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**Laure Vient-Tronche** - November 15, 2015 at 12:58 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know your family is in the hearts and prayers of so many Dublin alumni. I remember Jessica as a field director for marching band, and I was amazed that anyone my age would be able to stand in front of a group of students and have the confidence and skills to conduct. Sending prayers for peace as you grieve.  
Katie Chasser Coakley



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**katie chasser coakley** - November 15, 2015 at 10:16 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry to read about Jessica. My thoughts are with your family.  
Cathy Chitty

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**Cathy Chitty** - November 15, 2015 at 08:02 AM

LS

“ I will always treasure the dance collaboration Jessica and I did together. I am so very glad I got to reconnect with her. I know she is pain-free and at peace. My deepest sympathies to her family for your loss.



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**Lisa Spencer** - November 15, 2015 at 06:38 AM

CU

“ Jessica was the sweetest little girl who grew into an amazingly strong woman. She shared her life journey with honesty and grace. I admired her courage as she followed her passion to New York City to work in the arts with children and education. Her shining spirit smiles on us now.



Cindy Utter - November 14, 2015 at 09:43 PM

BD

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful daughter. I am praying for God's peace over all of you.

Bonnie Wisecup Svetlick Dowell - November 15, 2015 at 08:18 AM

RB

It was our honor and privilege to take care of Jessica at The James. She touched our hearts from the moment we met her and always looked forward to seeing and caring for her during treatment. She was much more than just a patient...she was a wonderful friend. We will never forget her courage and amazing attitude. She will be so sadly missed. Love and prayers to the family.

Rhonda Berry - November 18, 2015 at 11:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.



November 14, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jessica L. Wilt.*



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November 14, 2015 at 08:18 PM



“ *Jessica was a strong, talented, amazing woman who inspired me daily through her dedication to the Arts and her fight for life. I will cherish all of the moments in time I have had with her and will greatly miss her. Thank you for your strength Jessica and reminding us all how precious and beautiful life is, enjoy dancing in heaven!*



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**Della Ruth Marsan** - November 14, 2015 at 07:24 PM



“ *She was my inspiration and we share our cancer journey together. From high to low's to funny to sad. I will miss her dearly and now she's not in pain any more.*



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**nicolle borders** - November 14, 2015 at 06:29 PM

MA

“ Jessica was an angel to all she met. She helped my daughter Nicolle Borders during her cancer fight. Jessica always had a smile for all of our family and I know you is in God'S arms in no more pain.



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**Mary Lou Annarella** - November 14, 2015 at 06:18 PM