



Wanda J. Brown

June 12, 2012

BROWN Wanda Joan Brown (Alter), age 75, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Kobacker House, following a lengthy and brave battle against breast cancer. She was born August 31, 1936 in Tampa, Florida to Francis Alter and Hilda Pauline (VanLandingham) Alter Carter Stott, and was their only child. Wanda graduated from Hillsborough High School in Tampa and nursing school in Orlando. After graduation, she practiced nursing in Gainesville, Florida. On February 7, 1958, Wanda married her high school sweetheart Joe H. Brown, Jr. and began their journey together, starting with a move up north. During their 54 years of marriage, Joe and Wanda had five children, 14 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, all of whom brought much activity, love, and joy to their home and life. Wanda was a Christian and long-time member of North Baptist Church in Columbus where she held many active roles over the years. She sang in the church choir, taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, led women's circle groups, and created many caring, lasting and precious friendships with other church members. Wanda loved going out to movies and dinner with Joe and had a passion for politics later in her life. She enjoyed family vacations and occasional trips to spend time with her dear nursing friends. She was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000 and fought it courageously and with dignity, even to the end. She was a beautiful woman; a patient, caring, selfless mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and a devoted and loving wife. Left to remember and love Wanda are her husband, Joe; children, Steve (Ann), Debbie Rosensteel

(Marty), David (Karen), Karen Morgan (Jon), and Dan (Heather); 14 grandchildren, Nate Brown, Carrie (Alex) Heiden, Ali Brown; Melissa, Brian, and Jason Rosensteel; Jordan, Megan, Hannah, and Samantha Brown; Caroline and Lilli Morgan; Hadley and Tom Brown; great-grandchildren, Corrinne and Gus Heiden. Wanda is also survived by her sister-in-law, Angie (Donald) McElvy; brother-in-law, Ted (Peggy) Brown; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at North Baptist Church, 77 Charleston Ave., Columbus, Ohio. The family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 14 at the Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Burial in Kingwood Memorial Park. Memorials may be made in Wanda's name to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure at www.komencolumbus.org, or to benefit the Kobacker House at www.ohiohealth.com/kobackerhouse.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda J. Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *On behalf of Pat McGuire, Gary Gaal, and myself, we would like to send Steve and the entire Brown family our sincere condolences.*

Patrick Sweeney - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Karen, Jon and your whole family, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you right now in this sad time. We know it will be a very sad and long road. You have the wonderful memories of your mother and all she did for this life! You and your whole family, your dad are in our prayers and thoughts. Take care and know we are all there for you love Sarah and Mark Ryan*

Sarah and Mark Ryan - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Brown Family, My heart is saddened for you as you grieve. I pray to the Heavenly Father that His rest, comfort & peace that surpasses all understanding falls upon you. "I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart. All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God." - Psalm 38:8-9,15 "Cast all your anxiety on him because He cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7 "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." - Psalm 34:18 Jesus said, "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." - John 16:22 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3 "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." - 1 Peter 5:10 "For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones." - Isaiah 49:13

Julie Arrant - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15

Steven and Beckie Hoagland - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dear Joe, So sorry to hear of Wanda's passing. She was such a kind and gentle soul. I recall when she first became ill she seemed so positive and at peace. It was apparent how much you truly loved each other, so I am sure that she will be deeply missed. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Your old neighbors, The Graf Family Chris, Jack, Jeff and Joey

Christine Graf - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It takes a village to raise a child and this was true in my neighborhood. Wanda Brown was an important part of my childhood and many times feed me and loved me like one of her own. I really didn't know a kinder gentler and loving soul growing up. She was the definition of class and her southern charm was a breath of fresh air in our neighborhood. I wish all the family my condolences.*

Mark Looker - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM