



## Wendy Hoxie Celeste

November 30, 1955 - July 23, 2013

Wendy passed away peacefully at her home in Livermore surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. She was 57. Wendy was born November 30, 1955, in Tucson, AZ, daughter of Joseph Hoxie and Patricia Hoxie (née Outwater).

She graduated from Sahuaro High School and went on to earn a degree in Special and Elementary Education from the University of Arizona in 1977. On June 10, 1978, Wendy married the love of her life, John Celeste, at St. Pius X church in Tucson, AZ. Wendy and John moved to Livermore where they have resided for 35 years.

Wendy loved travel, gardening, volunteering, water coloring, sewing, camping, and spending time with family and friends. Wendy's life was spent serving others. She was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church where she gave her time and energy as a teacher, small Christian community leader, and Eucharistic minister. She first worked at Livermore Playschool for five years and then took great joy in raising her three children as a stay at home mom. She returned to work at St. Charles as the Liturgy Coordinator. Wendy continued her mission of service in her role as Coordinator of Volunteers at Hope Hospice. Her generous spirit and grace touched many lives. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, John Celeste; her children Kallie Celeste (Philippe Tavernier), Nic (Josie) Celeste, and Laura Celeste; and granddaughter Amandine. She also leaves behind her father, Joseph Hoxie; three sisters: Holly Clark, Amy (Tom) Skinn, and Deb (Curt) Petty; two sisters-in-law: Barb (Ken) McCloskey, Chris Wenzel, and a brother-in-law, Mark (Julie) Celeste; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life mass will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, August 14 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Livermore. Donations may be made in her name to Hope Hospice or the Social Concerns Committee of St. Charles Borromeo.



# Comments

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“ I had the pleasure of attending Livermore Playschool around the same time as her daughter Kallie. She was always a burgher and happy person full of life. She will be missed

**Stephanie Goodman** - August 12, 2013 at 08:05 PM

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“ Wendy was a special person and cared for many people she will be missed by all of us she was an amazing person full of love my sympathy goes out to my brother's family and to Wendy's family. I will be praying for all of you in your time of need she is now with are family probably looking down on us all thank you so much for what you did in our lives, and for my brother John, I know she loved you very much. May you rest in peace and may you have comfort knowing you are with God now.

**Mark S. Celeste** - August 11, 2013 at 08:37 PM

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“ My sister's light will go on forever!



**Amy L. Skinn** - August 11, 2013 at 06:43 PM

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“ Marlene, Rick, and Ricky Wolfe purchased the Wings of Gold Set for the family of Wendy Hoxie Celeste.



**Marlene, Rick, and Ricky Wolfe** - August 11, 2013 at 06:05 PM

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“ Even though we did know Wendy personally, we have been friends with her sister, Amy and husband, Tom, for years in Houston, Texas. Our son went to middle and high school with their daughter, Jessie. We were not surprised to learn about Wendy's wonderful giving personality and dedication to family and community, Amy and Jessie share these same benevolent traits that must run in the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends during the celebration of Wendy's life this week. With sincere sympathy, Marlene, Rick and Ricky Wolfe



**Marlene Wolfe** - August 11, 2013 at 05:46 PM

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“ Wendy was a most amazing person, a loving, kind sister, and my best friend. She had a special light that illuminated all life and everyone around her. Her smile showed the joy and love that she shared so freely. She will always be with us.

**Holly Hoxie Clark** - August 11, 2013 at 04:29 PM

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“ Sincere Sympathy Gourmet Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Wendy Hoxie Celeste.



August 11, 2013 at 02:11 PM

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“ Her smile lit up a room, her generosity filled her family and community with love beyond comprehension - I couldn't be more proud of my big sister who fought cancer courageously and was taken from us way too soon - Wendy, the angels are glad to welcome you home - we will miss you greatly until we meet you again in his kingdom.

Always your loving sister - Amy (Tom & Jessie) = Hugs times a million

**Amy Skinn** - August 11, 2013 at 02:04 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Wendy Hoxie Celeste.



August 06, 2013 at 07:12 PM

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“ When I think of my sister, I think of her beautiful smile, her grace, her love, her generosity, the many gifts that made her one of God's special angels here on earth. She will be sorely missed, and forever in my heart.



**Deborah Hoxie Petty** - August 04, 2013 at 09:41 PM

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“ Sharon Mace lit a candle in memory of Wendy Hoxie Celeste



**Sharon Mace** - July 29, 2013 at 07:25 AM



“ I can't remember Wendy without a smile. Her enthusiasm was infectious and she spread love to everyone she met. She loved my brother the way he deserved and raised her children with a gentle hand and a firm voice. We will all miss her.

**Barbara McCloskey, Sister-in-law** - August 12, 2013 at 01:03 PM