



## Wanda Sue Pruitt

January 30, 1951 - October 22, 2018

Wanda Sue Pruitt was born January 30, 1951 in Waynesville, Missouri to Jack Edward and Mary Lou (Black) Southard and passed away at her home in Richland, Missouri on Monday, October 22, 2018, having attained the age of 67.

On June 19, 1971 in Richland, Missouri, Wanda Sue was married to the love of her life, John Wayne Pruitt. God blessed them with over 47 wonderful years together and two fine sons.

Wanda accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a young age; faithfully serving Him throughout her life. She was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Richland where she enjoyed singing in the choir.

Wanda grew up in the Richland and Laquey areas. She attended elementary in Laquey and later went on to attend Richland, graduating from RHS in 1969. A good education was very important to Wanda. She went on to obtain her Master's degree and began a lifelong teaching career. Some would call her a "professional student" due to her willingness to go after another degree. She taught elementary at Laquey as well as, gifted education at both Laquey and Lebanon until retiring. Later Wanda taught education classes at OTC.

Wanda's love for children continued as she served as a Court Appointed

Special Advocate (CASA) in Rolla, Missouri.

Wanda belonged to the Missouri Retired Teachers Association and the Order of the Eastern Star.

In her spare time Wanda greatly enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren who she loved and adored. She loved to travel with John; the mountains were a favorite spot. Wanda also enjoyed walks and talks with her friends, baking cheesecakes, and reading. Wanda was a “get it done” kind of gal. She always payed close attention to even the smallest details and was extremely efficient in whatever she tackled. Wanda suffered with rheumatoid arthritis most of her life however; she never let it rob her of living a full life; nor did she let it define her in any way...it was simply part of life, and she dealt with it one day at a time.

Wanda leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving husband, John of the home; two sons: Doug Pruitt (Jenni) of Troy, MO, and Rob Pruitt (Janelle) of Kansas City, MO; 5 grandchildren: Allison Fisher (Dalton) of Richland, MO, Evan and Owen Pruitt both of Troy, MO, Jonathan Pruitt and Olivia Pruitt both of Kansas City, MO; her siblings: Wilma Jenkins (Patrick) of Conway, SC, Larry Southard (Anita Ivey) of Richland, MO; one sister-in-law: Kathy Williams (Leon) of Richland, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her sister, Beth Voigt (December 15, 2013).

Wanda lived a life worth celebrating! Her absence in this world will be sorely missed. If you didn't stop and take time to get to know Wanda Sue; then you missed out on getting to see her kind, caring, warm heart. She was a woman who deeply cared about the ones she loved, and the lives of those in and around her community. She will remain in the hearts of all...especially those whose lives she's touched while here on this earth.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor's Larry Atkins and Bob Lilly officiating. Pianist, Marleen Brown accompanied soloist, Georgia White as she sang "In the Garden" and "It Is Well with My Soul." Serving as escorts were Jim Pruitt, Ted Joerding, Mark Joerding, Brian Moore, Eric Moore, Scott Williams, Dalton Fisher, Frank Voight and Lucas Gibson. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery of Laquey, Missouri.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Wanda Sue Pruitt to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Rolla, MO and may be left at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com](http://www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Sterling Road  
Laquey, MO 65534

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda Sue Pruitt*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - October 26, 2018 at 11:09 AM



*So blessed by knowing her my entire life.*

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**Wilma Oursbourn** - October 26, 2018 at 11:26 AM



*Very nice video tribute to Wanda. Thanks for sharing. Blessings to your family.*

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**georgia leitman** - October 26, 2018 at 03:01 PM



*Mrs. Pruitt was a tremendous blessing to us at OTC Waynesville. We just heard about her passing. She loved her family especially her grandchildren. So sorry for your loss.*

*OTC Waynesville Staff*

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**OTC Waynesville** - October 29, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Wanda Sue Pruitt*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

EZ

“ Mrs. Pruitt was a kind and brilliant teacher. As my elementary gifted teacher in Lebanon, she was my first exposure to a world of new ideas, critical and innovative thinking. Some of my best experiences in education are still the time spent in her gifted class. I was sad to hear of her passing, and will never forget her legacy.

Eric Zeigenbein - March 17, 2019 at 02:46 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Will keep all in my thoughts and prayers!

Jeannie Belew - October 31, 2018 at 01:45 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry to learn of this! I just saw her at a Pulaski Co CASA Lunch and Learn on the 18th. My heart goes out to her family and friends. God bless....

Charlotte Metzger, CASA Volunteer

Charlotte - October 29, 2018 at 03:33 PM

AC

“ So sorry for your loss. May our good Lord sustain you through this sadness and give you strength to carry on honoring her with your lives well lived.



Annette Catts - October 29, 2018 at 10:43 AM

PG

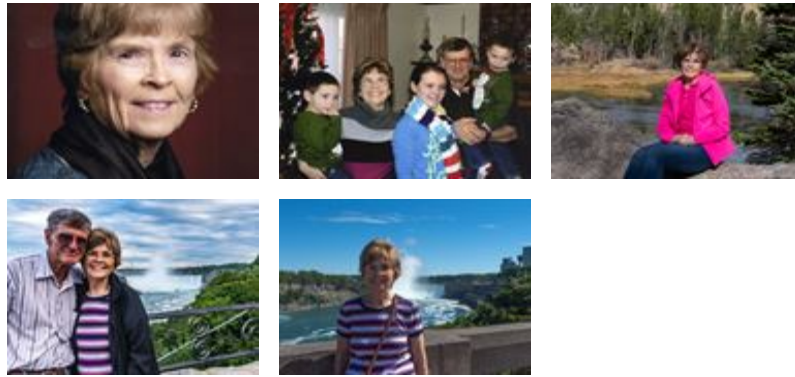
“ Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Wanda Sue Pruitt



Pulaski Camp Gideons - October 25, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ 119 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - October 25, 2018 at 01:58 PM

GS

“ Wanda was a wonderful person with a beautiful smile, kind heart, loving spirit, and intelligent mind. She will be missed. Thoughts, prayers, and condolences to her family.

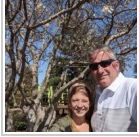
Gayle Stenson

Gayle Stenson - October 25, 2018 at 12:36 PM

MB

“ John and boys, I am so sorry to learn of your loss! you all were good neighbors when I lived in Richland. Millie and Paul Brotherton.

Millie Howlett Brotherton - October 25, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *She was a wonderful woman who made me feel like family every time I visited.*

**Cory Williams** - October 25, 2018 at 10:38 AM

CA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort at this time.*

*Carol & Jerry Gideon*



**Carol** - October 25, 2018 at 08:37 AM

MW

“ *We have all gone through many emotions since hearing the news about Wanda Monday evening--shock, disbelief, resignation, sadness. Now we are in prayer for her family and friends as they learn to live without her great smile. We do not grieve without hope...we will all see you again. May God grant all of your sweet family the strength, peace, and love they need to get through the difficult times ahead.*

**Martin and Georgia White** - October 25, 2018 at 12:02 AM

RS

*I am shocked and saddened to learn of this sudden passing of this sweet, Christian woman. I grew up in church with Wanda and all the Southard family and feel blessed to have known them. I extend my love, my prayers to all the family at this time of such great loss.*  
*Ramona Harris Schuenemeyer*

**Ramona Harris Schuenemeyer** - October 25, 2018 at 12:00 PM

LJ

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time.*

*Lloyd and Janice Jones*

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**Lloyd Jones** - October 24, 2018 at 10:24 PM

RW

“ *Remembering all of the kid memories living across the street and spending so many hours at the Pruitt home. Wanda was a great lady and always checking on us, plus providing us with goodies. So many great memories!*

*Renita (Jones) Watkins*



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**Renita Watkins** - October 24, 2018 at 09:38 PM