



Wanda Mary Warner

March 31, 2011

Seneca, SC--Wanda Mary Warner passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011, in her home surrounded by her family after a 20-month battle with pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Richard; her son Andrew and his wife Kelly of New York City; her mother Rosella Eilbes DeGroot of Appleton, WI; three sisters: Gemma (Doug) Fickess of Fulton, MO; Pauline Beaty of Roy, UT; and Mary DeGroot of Madison, WI and sister-in-law Corinne DeGroot of New London, WI; sister-in-law Patricia (Brent) Blackburn of Allen, TX; brother-in-law Bill Warner of Anderson, SC; sister-in-law Laurie (Greg) Joplin of Newton, NC, as well as several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father Robert J. DeGroot and her brother Peter J. DeGroot.

Wanda spent her adult years in education. After receiving Bachelors, Masters, and PhD degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, she worked for the Madison Metropolitan School District as a teacher and central office administrator, the Brillion Public Schools as Principal of Brillion Elementary School, the Neenah School District as Principal of Roosevelt Elementary School. After a family move to Oregon, she worked as a curriculum director for the West Linn School District. Moving to Georgia in 1982, Wanda spent the next 20 years with the Gwinnett County Public Schools working as a Principal of Centerville Elementary School, Norton Elementary School, and Magill Elementary School. She also served for 5 years in the district office as a

Director of Instruction. Wanda retired from Gwinnett in 2002 and moved to Oconee County, SC, where she went back to work as a district office administrator for the Oconee County Public Schools. She retired in January 2010 due to health reasons. Wanda's greatest love was nurturing teachers to be better at their craft and mentoring young administrators. She also served as an Adjunct Professor at Georgia State University, Furman University, and Clemson University, teaching classes in Educational Leadership.

Wanda always considered her life blessed by extended family, wonderful friends and neighbors, meaningful work, and amazing colleagues.

A celebration of life will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, located at 170 Bountyland Road, Seneca, SC, on Monday, April 4, 2011 beginning at noon. The family will receive guests approximately one hour before the service. A luncheon for all guests will follow the service in Papineau Hall at St. Paul's.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Hospice of the Foothills Foundation, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29678 or the Education Foundation of Oconee County, P.O. Box 609, West Union, SC 29696. Arrangements are being handled by Davenport Funeral Home, P.O. Box 462, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Mary Warner*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *##imported-begin##Rose Rogers##imported-end##*

April 05, 2011 at 07:13 PM



“ *SC-ASCD remembers fondly the work Wanda did for the association. She loved education and networking with colleagues. She will be missed but her influence will continue in the hearts and lives she touched.##imported-begin##Charlene N. Herring##imported-end##*

April 05, 2011 at 12:25 PM



“ *Family and friends, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Wanda and I served on the SC ASCD Board. She was so encouraging to me as I pursued my Ph.D. and dealt with the loss of my remaining family members during this time. Wanda was an amazing person. I will be forever grateful that our paths crossed.##imported-begin##Connie J. Dennis##imported-end##*

April 05, 2011 at 06:34 AM



“ To the Warner Family:

Wanda was indeed one of a kind!! What a joy to have worked with her when she was the SDOC Apointee to the Oconee County First Steps Board. She had an such a positive attitude, and her smile would always light up any room she entered.

She has been such a role model to all of us as she showed us how to live life to the fullest in spite of the obstacles and how to face the future with grace and dignity.

The entire Oconee County First Steps Board will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days.

Marie M. Dunnam Director

Oconee County First Steps###imported-begin##Marie M. Dunnam###imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 07:24 PM



“ *How fortunate I was to work with Dr. Warner while working in the School District of Oconee County. Dr. Warner always had a warm smile and a loving way about her. She helped and mentored so many educational professionals in such a meaningful way! I know she still wears her warm smile in heaven!###imported-begin##Susan Neal###imported-end##*

April 04, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ WOW I WAS AT A LOSE FOR WORDS WHEN I READ ABOUT WANDA, SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY AND ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE HER COME THROUGH THE DOOR AT THE CLEANERS, MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL AT THIS TIME...##imported-begin##Connie Patterson##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 07:33 AM



“ I am so grateful I was one of the lucky people to have worked under Wanda. I went from employee to friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Wanda will be missed and remembered often.

Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Whitworth##imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 06:38 PM



“ Dick and Andrew we're so sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you and your family. Wanda was such a special person always so positive, and so helpful we cherished her friendship and have been in awe of her spirit and attitude for the past two years as she faced her illness. We still remember fondly the mixed double years and the entertainment you guys (especially Wanda) provided. We feel blessed to have been part of her life.##imported-begin##George and Pam Brix##imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 03:59 PM



“ *“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4*###imported-begin##Penny Buice###imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 09:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*###imported-begin##Stephanie Foster###imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ *Wanda was an inspiration to many teachers and I feel lucky to have worked closely with her. She was always smiling and could change a cloudy day into a sunny one with her smiles and laughter. She had energy that was contagious! Wanda loved shopping at Chico's and we enjoyed admiring each other's clothes because we knew where they were purchased!
Wanda, I will miss you!*###imported-begin##Cynthia Dalton###imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 08:04 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with the Warner family at this difficult time! You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Vicki/Phil Wiley*###imported-begin##Vicki Wiley###imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 05:09 PM



“ We have lost one who changed lives on a daily basis. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Jimmy Peeples##imported-end##

April 01, 2011 at 04:30 PM



“ ##imported-begin##Sherry Moore##imported-end##

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