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Wenda "Wendy" Jean Longaberger Little, 94, of Dresden, died peacefully, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Clay Gardens Place of Zanesville. Born December 16, 1929, in Dresden, she was a daughter of the late J.W. and Bonnie Jean (Gist) Longaberger and a 1947 graduate of Jefferson High School. Wendy worked at the IGA in Dresden, and previously alongside her brother, Dave Longaberger starting out at his restaurant and on to the shops where she would assist him in signing baskets. Wendy was a faithful member of the Dresden United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Dresden. Surviving is a son, Steven R. (Chris) Little; six grandchildren, Cole (Jeannine) Little, Mindy Little (Chad) Peck, Wendy Little Rushing, Jason (Anna) McBride, David (Amanda) Little, Danielle (Adam) Hardwick; nine great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; four brothers, Jerry Longaberger, Ritchie Longaberger, Gary (Lynn) Longaberger, and Jeff (Jane) Longaberger; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Little; neighbors and close friends, JD and Darlene Hindel and Adam, Amanda Wilson and sons.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Robert F. Little, who died July 8, 2019; three sons, David, James and Randy Little; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Genevieve (Percy) Hard, Judy (Jan) Swope, Virginia (Dick) Wilcox, Carmen (Ron) Fortney, and Mary Ann (Buck) McCafferty; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry (Dorothy) Longaberger and Dave Longaberger; and two sisters-in-law, Donna Longaberger and JoAnne Longaberger.

The family would like to extend a warm thank you to the staff of Clay Gardens, Altercare, and Shrivvers Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dresden United Methodist Church, 1014 Main Street, Dresden, Ohio 43821, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 405 Chestnut Street, Dresden, Ohio 43821 or Shrivvers Hospice Foundation, 2052 East



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Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Family and friends may visit 4:00pm to 7:00pm Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

Funeral services will be held 11:00am, Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the funeral home with Pastor Dan Wells officiating.

Wendy will be laid to rest next to her husband at the Dresden Cemetery, Dresden.

Listen to Wendy talk about her life and reminisce about her childhood and into adulthood.

<https://my.tales.com/stories/wendy-little>



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PR

Pearleene Keller Reffitt posted:

Wendy and I, Pearleene Keller Reffitt, were born just 2 doors away from one another on 8th street in Dresden, Ohio. We have kept in touch all these years and had just said to my son, I need to call Wendy to get the Nut Bread recipe of her mothers that I accidentally lost. I have had her on my mind and didn't know she had gone to a nursing home. I am so saddened that I did not reach out to her to get the recipe. Wendy was a very good childhood friend. I hope she died peacefully and did not suffer in any way. God Bless Wendy! Pearleene Keller Reffitt

November 18 at 11:43 AM

RC

Randy & Kitty Cunningham posted:

Wendy's passing is a tremendous loss to her family, many friends & the entire community. She gave great support & warmth to all who knew her. She was an excellent ambassador for the Longaberger Basket Co. & had unbelievable patience with even the most demanding customers, treating every one of them equally & fairly, with a smile. She was a very patient & caring wife to Bob, a loving & nurturing mother to all their boys & a very active member of her church & community, as well. Our thoughts & prayers go out to Steve (my old classmate & friend) & to all of Wendy's extended family for your great loss of a very special & grand lady. Sincerely, Randy & Kitty

November 16 at 5:33 AM

MM

Mary McBride posted:

To Wendy's family; Wendy was the most gentle and kind soul that I have ever had the pleasure to know. She was so kind to Tom and I. Wendy loved talking about her family and sharing the joy her family brought to her. I will keep all of you in my thought and prayers. Sincerely Mary McBride

November 15 at 4:38 PM

DJ

Diann Jones posted:

My sincere condolences to her family. As a former Home Consultant for The Longaberger Company for 12 years, I had the pleasure of meeting Wendy several times. She was always so gracious while signing our baskets. Prayers of peace and comfort to her loved ones. Diann Jones

November 15 at 10:48 AM



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BM

Beckie Starner Mcinerney posted:

My deepest sympathy and prayers for Wendy's family..I had the pleasure of working my first job with her at the original "Popeyes". She was always fun to work with. So glad I got to visit with her at Clay Gardens recently..RIP Sweet Friend..You will be missed!

November 15 at 8:22 AM

BB

Bob & Lois Beers posted:

Wendy was always a friend we liked to see when we visited Dresden. Our thoughts and prayers to her family. Bob & Lois (Pritchard) Beers

November 15 at 5:30 AM

LW

Linda Warne posted:

Sincere condolences to Wendy's family and her brothers as well. I have fond memories of working with her in JW's Workshop at the Homestead. She was so interesting as she greeted and signed baskets for guests and always shared stories of how she and her siblings grew up on Ninth Street in Dresden. Thank you Wendy for the kindness you showed to all of us who worked in Guest Relations. Rest in God's Peace.Workshop

November 14 at 2:23 PM

AM

Annette Moore posted:

I loved working with Wendy at the original Village Etc Shop in the early 90's. She always took the time to sign baskets for the tourists and would tell them a funny story or two. My sympathies to the Little and Longaberger families.

November 14 at 1:39 PM



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ES

Eddie Sears posted:

Miss Wendy was such a kind lady, an amazing story teller and so full with a fun jolly spirit. I have so many fond memories chatting with her with each visit to Dresden and at the Bee's! Condolences to everyone within the Longaberger family! May each of the Longaberger family, find great comfort knowing she is back with her dear husband Bob, JW & Gma Bonnie, and all her other siblings & family that welcome her above. I can only imagine the stories they are sharing at this time and tossing of dinner rolls! With sincere condolences and prayers! May Miss Wendy soar high!

November 14 at 1:08 PM

SW

Sheryl Williams posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy's family, close friends who were family to her, and the many dear friends she has enjoyed over her almost 95 years. I loved visiting with Wendy on her front porch on my Dresden visits over the years. Rest In Peace dear friend! Much love, Sheryl Starnier Williams

November 14 at 12:37 PM

RP

Rick And Becky Martin Priest posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

November 14 at 11:18 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the Little and Longaberger Families sorry to read of your loss. Your families are in our prayers. The community lost a good lady. RIP Wendy.

November 14 at 10:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wenda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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