



Wendy Jo Stevens

July 14, 1953 - January 7, 2026

Wendy Jo Stevens, 72, of South Boardman, passed away peacefully at her home on January 7, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 14, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Earl and Patricia (Henry) Nelson. Wendy was raised in Grosse Pointe and, in 1980, moved to South Boardman with her husband Robert Stevens, where they made their home and raised their family.

Wendy's faith was the most important part of her life. She loved her family deeply and loved Jesus with her whole heart. She often shared that she was ready to go home to see Jesus and be reunited with her beloved husband.

She married the love of her life Robert Stevens at just 18 years old, and together they shared 51 years of marriage before his passing. Wendy was the most giving and caring person—always willing to help anyone in need and never hesitating to give of herself. Her heart for service extended to feeding local first responders and caring for others in quiet, meaningful ways.

Wendy especially enjoyed cooking, with family dinners being one of her greatest joys. She treasured time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Mimi."

For more than 20 years, Wendy was a member of her PartyLite family.

Through her career, she formed lasting friendships and fulfilled her love of travel, allowing her to see much of the world.

Wendy will be lovingly missed by her children: Christie and Matt McLeod, Stacy and Brian Muth, Bill and Michelle Stevens, and Eric and Samantha Stevens; her grandchildren: Nate, Zac, Luke, Alex, Taylor, Desitee, Dustin, Ongell, Jayden, Noah, and Elijah; and her eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters: Janice Lane, Leslie Taylor, and Karen Hea. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Carl Stevens and parents, Earl and Patricia Nelson.

The funeral service will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Kalkaska Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in the spring at Boardman Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Wendy's honor to Wendy's Hands, Forest Area Federal Credit Union, Account #216470, This foundation will continue her giving spirit through anonymous donations. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Hospice of Michigan for their exceptional care and compassion, which were second to none.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Boardman Township Cemetery

4668 Boardman River Rd SW
South Boardman, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Tribute Wall

LD

“ Love, Evan and Jamie Dingman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wendy Jo Stevens.



Love, Evan and Jamie Dingman - January 16 at 09:03 PM

KF

“ Kevin & Lori Denike & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wendy Jo Stevens.



Kevin & Lori Denike & Family - January 16 at 03:44 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendy Jo Stevens.



January 15 at 02:06 PM

MM

“ Mary, Leslie, Tracey, Rod and Missy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wendy Jo Stevens.



Mary, Leslie, Tracey, Rod and Missy - January 13 at 07:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendy Jo Stevens.



January 12 at 10:56 AM



“ Love Denny, Petie and Ringo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wendy Jo Stevens.

Love Denny, Petie and Ringo - January 12 at 10:56 AM



“ Dear Wendy you will be so missed 😭 Your faith has inspired me - has inspires us all. I will miss all the wonderful loving facebook posts of your beautiful family AND we your Partylite family are so blessed to have known each other and become an extended family of our families xoxo . Love you dear Partylite sister - go in peace 🙏🙏🙏
🙏💔 Prayers of peace and comfort always to Wendy's family - friends - our Partylite family.

Jenny Roman - January 09 at 08:58 AM



“ Sending hugs from Jan's classmates
Grosse Pointe HIGH 1969

Treasure Wendy's memories



Denise LaPonsey Daughetee - January 09 at 03:42 AM

SW

“ The Stevens were my neighbors when I was a little girl. Christie and I were the best of friends. Stacy was pretty little, and Bill was a newborn, if memory serves me correctly. I remember being at their house and reading books that had the record you listen to that chimed when it was time to turn the page, and Wendy made us sandwiches for lunch. She also made honeybutter and to this day I think about her every time I see it. I remember she and Bob were friends with my parents. Life happens and the Stevens family moved up north when I was in 2nd grade. We wrote letters and I even got to visit once when I was in middle school. Fast forward to recent years and though we weren't really, really close, I was blessed to connect with Wendy, Christie, and Stacy on an adult level. Sending congratulations for this or that, birthday wishes, words of encouragement, and heartfelt prayers to each other across the miles through social media. My heart hurts for the Stevens family, but I know Wendy is in the hands of our Lord and Savior now where she is in a new, renewed body and no longer sick or in pain. And, she has been reunited with Bob. Sending hugs and love and prayers for the family. - Sherry Wood

Sherry Wood - January 08 at 05:12 PM

MA

“ Im at a loss for words. Wendy was my friend since 1980, when we both moved to South Boardman. We spent hrs with each other and our children. From baking bread, leading girl scouts and Brownies, and chasing kids! She was my sister because mine were so far away. I moved away, life went on. I admired her love for her "DARLIN", her children and God! Ill miss her! She is resting now, reunited with Bob and with Jesus Christ. Prayers for Christie, Stacy, Bill and Eric and all your family.

Mary - January 08 at 03:24 PM

MV

“ Wendy ,Was a very special Person Meet Wendy while she was doing Candlelite parties . Always smiling and laughing. Rest in peace Wendy Gods peace upon Her family.



Maria VanConett - January 08 at 02:34 PM

DN

“ Wendy’s bright light will continue to shine through all that new and loved her. I will miss her morning prayers and sharing of positive thoughts. I admired Wendy’s strength and love for the lord and family. It’s tough to loose a friend but even tougher when you loose a confidant. Wendy was both. We became friends back in 1980. Our husbands worked together and their lives ran pretty parallel. Bob was my husband’s mentor. We will always cherish our time with Bob and Wendy. They both left a mark on our hearts. Wendy left a great map for us to follow. Love with all you have. Be it in food, a text message, a prayer request or a hug. Our deepest condolences go out to you, their family. In closing “I guess you got your miracle Wendy”. 💔🕊



Deborah Newell - January 08 at 01:45 PM