



Wendy Yuen Darby

August 8, 2023

Wendy Yuen Darby, 44, of Johnston, RI, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Her dedicated husband, Joseph Alexander Darby, remained unwaveringly by her side for her final days.

Her extraordinary journey began on July 4, 1979, in Manhattan, NY, when she was welcomed into the world by the late Hon Ging Yuen & Kam Lan Yuen. Raised in Brooklyn, NY, alongside her vast extended family, Wendy later attended Johnson & Wales University, where she would meet the love of her life.

Together, Wendy and Joseph forged an unbreakable bond that would span over two decades. They created a life brimming with love, warmth, and happiness for each other, their daughters Sophie and Chloe, family, and expansive, robust group of friends.

Wendy's kindness and compassion knew no bounds, leaving an enduring mark on the hearts of those around her, regardless of the duration or distance apart.

Everyone who knew Wendy could share stories of the tenderness, affection, and comfort she infused into the world. If she knew you were cold yesterday,

she'd hand you a hat she crocheted herself tomorrow. If a little bundle of joy was on the way, she would lovingly whip up a unique blanket to embrace the newcomer. If you were blue, she would share her love of upbeat anime music, especially when times were tough. If you were hungry... that would be impossible if you knew her. Whether by invite or ambush, you never left her home without a sumptuous, home-cooked meal (or a to-go box)... or probably both. She committed these acts of love with humility, sternness, and sass.

Though the world may seem a little colder in her absence, she would want us all to remember that today is a beautiful day.

Wendy is survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Joseph Alexander Darby, and her cherished daughters, Sophie and Chloe; her brother Wilson Yuen, his wife Qiaomin (Angel) Zhoa, and their son Wyatt; her brother-in-law Thomas Darby and his wife Jennifer Liebel; her brother-in-law William Darby, his wife Regina, and their daughters Rose and Grace; and her brother-in-law Sean Darby and his wife Amy Aiello.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., with a Funeral Service at 11:30 a.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, RI. Interment will follow in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Johnston. For those unable to attend, her family asks that you take a moment of silence for reflection and remembrance for Wendy between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society are appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park Cemetery

Rhode Island Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Chinese Proverb: All of life is a dream walking, all of death is a going home*

Thank you, Wendy, (and Joe) for making me a Funcle

Thank you, Wendy, loving me and accepting my love

Thank you, Wendy, for sharing all of your gifts

Thank you, Wendy, for being my teacher

Thank you, Wendy, for making it easy to over eat

Wendy, we honor you

Aho 🙏

Tom Darby - September 18, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ To the friends, family, and loved ones both here and afar, Wendy would want to start with telling everyone "Don't be sad & don't be angry"

Wendy, you are the love of my life, the mother of Sophie & Chloe, and friend to everyone in this room.

What more can be said as we've known each other for almost a quarter of century. I want to start with saying thank you for touching the lives of all of us. Some of us had the pleasure of knowing you longer than others.

As some of you may know, Wendy has always been my special bunny. Every morning I make my coffee and sit outside to wait for the little bunny to show up in our backyard. Sophie is starting to join me in this as well, just with tea instead. Sophie, Chloe and I look forward to seeing the bunny any time we can. We believe it's your way of saying hello and checking in on the three of us. Bunnies are magical and may have been visiting more people in this room. As you see them think of Wendy and all that she meant to you and your loved ones. I will always remember the way you would smile when you introduced people to the food you loved to eat. That smile was outshined a few times. When you nailed a new dish and used all of us as your taste testers. The day you said I do, and lastly the biggest smile of all was when you held Sophie & Chloe for the first time.

I'll never forget the support and love that you have shown our girls and myself. We had many tough times and we never gave up on each other. Because of you I have become a better Husband, Father, Brother, Friend and Person. I will always remember and treasure you.. When we first met I had no idea how great of a person you were. In sharing my experiences, I couldn't have asked for a better partner to agree to be my wife, a loving Mother to my children, and my Friend.

I was with you during your final moments. Your Brother Wilson will be forever grateful that during that chaotic, and emotionally stressful moment that I managed to find the fortitude and clarity of mind to make the call to him so he can bid a final farewell to his beloved little sister.

I'm going to keep my promises that I've made to you. I will be there for Sophie & Chloe when they need me the most. I'll remember that it's ok to ask for help, and to share the message that sometimes "It's OK to Not be OK". I also promise that I'm going to take the long way to see you again. I'll have plenty of stories and experiences to share.

Wendy I will always love you and I'll miss you daily.

Joe Darby - September 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM

JP

“ *Wendy, you were the perfect employee. God bless you and your family.*
John

John Prete - August 21, 2023 at 11:01 AM

RP

“ *I'm still in shock, Wendy was beyond amazing! She was so caring and helpful, she will truly be missed!!! Thinking of you Joe and the girls!*

Rachel

Rachel Penha - August 19, 2023 at 12:04 PM

AA

“ *I first met Wendy at JWU in those coed dorms. Quite the change from my upbringing. I can't remember the moment but I do remember her presence was just welcoming. Didn't matter where you came from, she accepted you for you. She knew an eclectic group of people and treated all respectfully. Thoughtful, caring and has a great smile and laugh. We'll miss you but keep your legacy of love, laughter, good food and share the importance of those with whomever we meet.*

Aaron and Carlos

Aaron - August 19, 2023 at 01:17 AM

LD

“ We loved Wendy from A to Z. I hear her laughing out loud right now. The times we spent together were major, but far too few, So we used social media and cards a lot! We remember her fingernail back-scratches she would give us. We loved her quiet philosophical view of situations and her artistic talents. She worked for a "Thank You Gifts" company, of which we have an embedded wedding photo in glass for anniversary #45. We saw energetic, smiling, giggling Wendy at our 50th Anniversary with all our children attending in 2018. Then our last time together was at an outdoor Father's Day BBQ under a white tent, at the shoreline of Bristol, RI at Narragansett bay in 2019, before the pandemic. We came for the hugs. Wendy sent us many garden gifts from herself, Sophie and Chloe for our love of garden flowers. On that subject: The last memorable time spent with Wendy was on July 10th, when she was last in the hospital in Providence. I sent her a photo (via text message) of our supposed, one-and-only July's prolific blooms of pale pink Hibiscus. I then asked her what her favorite flower was, as I had never known that, She texted back, "Freesia." I immediately posted a blue freesia photo; asking, "This one?" She posted back her photo of a White Freesia single flower. She typed: "The white one's fragrance has such a calming effect." I knew then that I wanted her to experience that fragrance when she got home. Live flowers would fade in time, so I shipped her a box-shaped White Freesia scented bubble candle, to not light, so she could smell it whenever she wanted. She came home to visits from everyone that could make it to see her. We sent our loving hearts and support from afar. I encourage everyone here to have that same White Freesia scent as we did, obtained from that A to Z shop we all know, in order to have Wendy's favorite flower's scent in your home. We do not light our Freesia candle, either. I keep the calming scent in our home as a small sign of her big, lasting impact in our lives. We had a second & third prolific blooms of light pink Hibiscus on August 14th, 15th and August 16th. It must have been a wink and a nod from her. We will miss you Wendy, and will always invite your special visits here that we have already experienced more than once.

*Love,
Mom Lynn and Dad Larry*



Lynn and Larry Darby - August 16, 2023 at 11:50 PM

ED

“ *Joe sending you my deepest condolences to you and your family, may Wendy rest in peace. Ed Davila*

Ed Davila - August 16, 2023 at 04:55 PM

LJ

“ *I remember when I first meet Wendy. My son dragged a handful of this college friends to our home so we could meet them. She was the sweetest most happy person and never seemed to change in all those years! Her infectious laugh will be missed by all!*

Laura Squires, mom of Jeffrey - August 16, 2023 at 09:34 AM