

WENDY STEWART DEGARMO

Age 58, fourth generation Arden, Delaware resident, was a loving mother, grandmother, loyal friend and feisty woman that did not go meekly. Those of us who loved her would never have expected otherwise. On July 28, 2010, she went quietly and peacefully in her Arden home with her family and loved ones at her side.

Wendy graduated from Widener University in 1982. She worked for the State of Delaware's Division of Social Services for 25 years and also as a Realtor for Prudential Fox and Roach. Her parents, Malcolm James Stewart and Marion Edmondson Stewart, and her brother, James Malcolm Stewart, would have been proud of the life she lived.

Wendy was most proud of her connection to The Ardens and her efforts to keep the Arden Spirit alive. She served as a member in a number of Arden Gilds and Associations. In particular, Wendy was a member of the Ardensingers for over 40 years, the Arden Building and Loan Association for over 20 years, the Music Gild, the Dinner Gild and the Arden Community and Recreation Association. Wendy recently realized her passion for Maui, Hawaii, and Hawaiian culture. For her, heaven on Earth was walking on the beach of Kapalua Bay, eating a cheeseburger at Cheesburger in Paradise in Lahaina, or standing on the peak of Haleakala (as long as she remembered her warm coat that day.)

Family and friends left with memories to last a lifetime are too numerous to mention. Those closest to her include her daughter, Heather Arden Matera, Heather's fiancé Cody Plymyer, her grandchildren, Madison Arden Matera and Tyler Julius Matera, and her lifelong friends and companions Elsie Luhring Clark and Garm.

Wendy wanted her friends to be happy they knew her, not sad that she is gone. For this reason, the funeral will be a private ceremony. Wendy's memorial service will be announced at a later date. As a remembrance the family suggests donations be made to The Arden Gild Hall Restoration Fund, c/o The Arden Club, 2126 The Highway, Arden, DE 19810.

Aloha `oe, aloha `oe, E ke onaona noho i ka lipo. One fond embrace, A ho`i a`e au.
Until we meet again...

Arrangements by Gebhart Funeral Home of Claymont. To leave an online condolence, please visit

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