



Mildred Laitinen Wiggert

May 8, 1931 - December 12, 2023

Mildred Laitinen Wiggert died on December 12, 2023. She was born on May 8, 1931, the sixth child of Albin and Hilma Fredman Laitinen in Negaunee Township, Michigan. She grew up in this rural Finnish community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She received her Bachelor's of Arts in education from the University of Michigan and later received her Master's of Arts in elementary education from Virginia Tech.

Besides her parents and siblings, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Miller Wiggert, and granddaughter, Hannah Katharina Wiggert Duban.

She is survived by her son, John (Jeanette) Wiggert; daughters, Jane (Miller) Williams, Sarah (Mark) Duban, and Elizabeth Wiggert; grandchildren, James Whitaker (Jen Simonetti), Rachel (Kaleb) Shrader, Jessica Wiggert, and Jamie Wiggert; great-grandchildren, Hannah Renee Bishop and Landon Wayne Bishop; special daughter Trang Le (Thai Dao) and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on January 13th at 1:00 P.M. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 600 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to do so may send a contribution to:

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

600 Prices Fork Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060; or

League of Women Voters of Montgomery County
P.O. Box 10133
Blacksburg, VA 24060; or

Alzheimer's Association
P.O. Box 96011
Washington, DC 20090.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
600 Price's Fork Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall



“ *Millie's oldest friend, Betty Flowers, 98 and I enjoyed visiting Millie every few weeks with my therapy dog, Maggie. Millie was always cheerful, gentle and delightful. Betty volunteered in kindergarten at Harding Avenue for 31 years and they were very close. She loved dogs and liked snuggling my therapy dog, Maggie. We will miss her sweet smile and the twinkle in her eye!* ”

Leslie Lingenfelser - January 13, 2024 at 12:54 PM



“ *My boys, Brandon & Jordan Lingenfelser were both lucky to have Millie Wiggert as their Kindergarten teacher at Harding Avenue Elementary. They have both always said that she was the best teacher they have ever had! She had a gift for teaching and always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye!* ”



Leslie Lingenfelser - January 13, 2024 at 01:58 AM



“ *Ms Wiggert meant so much to us in the Slagel Family. She was a wonderful teacher who cared deeply about every child and their education.* ”

Lou Ann - January 12, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mildred Laitinen Wiggert.* ”

January 11, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Laitinen Wiggert.*



January 09, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *I adored Millie Wiggert. She was my mentor teacher back in 1990-1991 at Harding Avenue Elementary. I learned a great deal from her. She helped shape my teaching career. I often think about her and a smile comes across my face. Amazing lady! My prayers are with the Wiggert family at this time. My God grant you peace of mind and spirit that Mille is at home with the Lord.*



Sharon Newberne - January 06, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *I have very fond memories of Aunt Millie from the '60s and the '70s; her outdoor interests, her skill with the pets, the twinkle in her eye as she made her niece feel welcome in Blacksburg. I remember her as capable, kind-hearted, witty, and forthright. I hope to be with your family for the memorial service.*

Kris L-O - January 06, 2024 at 02:56 AM

MB

“ To Millie’s Family...I am so sorry for your loss, and want to express my sincere thanks for all Millie did for me through our years as teaching colleagues at Harding Avenue Elementary. She also was very active with the Montgomery County Education Association, and we shared many great experiences together in the work we did in the association. Millie’s smile, sense of humor, intellect, care, and support of all will be greatly missed.

Mary Biggs - December 27, 2023 at 04:47 PM

SS

“ Millie Wiggert blessed our lives in so many ways. One of the many gifts from her was guiding our son with his initial school experience of kindergarten. Her influence was outstanding. Through the years our family and Millie's family became very close in numerous ways. I can say with certainty that when Millie entered Heaven God received an Awesome Angel!

Susan and George Simmons

Susan and George Simmons - December 27, 2023 at 09:49 AM

RP

“ Jane...so sorry for your loss..you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers...
Robin Price

Robin D Price - December 19, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DS

“ So very sorry for your loss. I loved Millie and will greatly miss her.



Denise Shortt - December 18, 2023 at 02:22 PM

BC

“ Millie was a wonderful friend and teacher. She had a great wit. I will miss you, sweet lady.

Barbara H Crockett - December 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM

DC

“ Your mother will be greatly missed. She was always so happy at church with all the children and grandchildren around. She was a wonderful lady! Diane and Dennis Catley

Diane Catley - December 15, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ Jane, so sorry to learn of your Mother's death. She was a wonderful person and a great teacher. Gail Kregloe

Lydia Kregloe - December 15, 2023 at 09:58 AM

GS

“*“Miss Wiggert”, as my two sons called her at Harding Avenue Elementary, was an awesome teacher. Her special way of teaching and giving each child individual attention was much appreciated.*

Our sympathy and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of a wonderful person.

Gary and Linda Scott

Gary and Linda Scott - December 14, 2023 at 07:18 PM

JM

“*Auntie is the last sibling of my mom’s. Milla held a special place in my heart. I always appreciated her dry sense of humor. We both were early childhood educators and I enjoyed sharing experiences with her. She is at peace now as she has joined her family in eternal rest. My thoughts and prayers for all of you.*

Judie Maki - December 14, 2023 at 06:59 PM

RA

“*Jane, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. May God bless you all.*

Regina Atkins - December 14, 2023 at 06:26 PM

CR

“*Jane, Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Billy, Cindy Rhoades*

Cindy rhoades - December 14, 2023 at 05:06 PM

JE

“ *Millie was a wonderful friend to me, my parents and my fur babies. When I visited her last, we spent the time walking outside and reminiscing of belly laughs and giggles. Love you my dear friend...*

Joselle Edwards - December 14, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JR

“ *Jane, sending our prayers and thoughts to your family during this difficult time. Greg, Jennifer, Lora, Austin and Gabby Rudisill*

Jennifer Rudisill - December 14, 2023 at 04:05 PM

RW

“ *Jane Stuart and I send you and your family our deepest sympathies. I remember your sweet Mom. She was a lovely lady.*

Renee White - December 14, 2023 at 03:20 PM

LO

“ *Jane I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May your memories bring you comfort during your time of sorrow.*
Lori Graham Okes

Lori Okes - December 14, 2023 at 03:14 PM