

WANDA MCDANIEL SECRIST



Wanda Louise McDaniel Secrist, 73, of Hilliard, was welcomed home to Heaven Friday, October 11, 2024. She was born in Roanoke, Virginia, to E.C. and Anna Louise McDaniel. Wanda embodied a spirit of love, warmth, and spunk that touched the lives of everyone she encountered. As a preacher's daughter, Wanda dedicated much of her life to her faith and the church, striving to exemplify God's grace and love in all her interactions. She had an extraordinary gift for making everyone feel welcome, earning her the affectionate title of "Mimi" to many. Her passion for life extended to her love for travel, art, music, and her unwavering support for the Georgia Bulldogs.

Wanda was fiercely devoted to her family and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Wanda's legacy of kindness, compassion, and unwavering faith will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 43 years, Dennis Ray Secrist; father Rev. E.C. McDaniel; and grandparents Boyd and Cassie Murphy and J.C. and Texanna McDaniel.

Wanda leaves behind a loving family including her mother, Anna Louise Carpenter; daughters Michelle Denise (David) Hamilton and Stephanie Louise (David) Browning; grandchildren Paige Louise (Shawn) Pejsa, Tyler David Browning, Dylan Ray (Logan) Browning, Christopher Dale Chasse, Jr. and Joseph Boyd Chasse; and great-grandchildren Coty Adam Anderson, Lyla Rae Louise Anderson, Lucy Jade Pejsa and Liv Paris Chasse; brothers Everette Martin and Timothy (Nikki) McDaniel; nieces Lindsey Diane (Bishop) Hinson, Jolie Marie McDaniel and Candace Leigh (Ryan) Heft; great-nieces Anna Reese Hinson and Olivia Frances Hinson; and special family by love Rebecca Jacobs (Kenny) Francis and Cara Leigh (Bryan) Sternett, along with their children Emma, Matthew, Ferin and Jeremiah; and lifelong friend of over 65 years, Elaine Owens.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, October 18 at Hilliard First Assembly of God at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity that reflects Wanda's commitment to helping others: Dreams Come True, visit: dreamscometrue.org/donate; Alzheimer's Research, visit: give.mayoclinic.org/give/616130.

Rest in peace, Wanda. You will always be in our hearts.