



Wanda Joyce Gibbons

April 5, 2013

Born on January 11, 1932, Wanda was the youngest daughter of Carl Kidd and Nora Lovely Kidd of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Wanda was always a seeker, an explorer, and not satisfied with "small town" answers. She sat under her favorite tree and read constantly, building her knowledge of history, arts, and literature. No matter what she learned she always continued to "ask."

She was very independent and did not quite fit into her little town, so she left, worked hard and at age 21 met Donald Edward Gibbons. She fell in love, married, and had five children; she never settled, however, and always knew that there was more to do, more to seek.

Wanda was a strong woman of character. She and her husband saved to buy their first home in Hollywood, while raising their five "lively" kids. Wanda was a devoted Grandparent who helped raise her first two grandchildren. She cared

for her sick sister in her own home. She taught herself French, was a Toastmaster, wrote poetry, and also loved art, animals, travel and nature.

She graduated in Social Work, and was an excellent Social Worker at Hollywood Medical Center in Florida, where she was able to help many people for many years. Wanda was the first person in her family to graduate from college, which she did with honors, and received a Master's degree from Nova University.

While caring for a sick husband and five children, Wanda accomplished what seemed impossible - through her patience, perseverance, and loving determination, she made this dream come true.

While in college, she found the Baha'i Faith through a wonderful art teacher. Wanda the "seeker" had found what she had asked for many years ago under that special tree. Her love for Christ and God brought even more fulfillment. She lived her faith, and although the debilitating illness of Parkinsonism and PSP took many physical abilities from her, her spirit and love filled heart only strengthened by the presence of her family.

Wanda is survived by her two sisters, four daughters, three grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Graveside Services will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at Forest Meadows Memorial Park, Central, 4100 N.W. 39th Ave.

Tribute Wall

EW

“ *Just a remarkable lady and we two were able to share a grandson Donnie in the early days in Hollywood. Thank you Donna for your tribute to your Mom Mimi. May her spirit always be there for all her children and everyone.
God Bless you all.....Elaine*

Elaine Wolf - April 16, 2013 at 06:03 PM

CM

“ *Although I did not get to meet Wanda, I understand that she was fiercely loyal to her family and a wonderful mother. I can attest to the fact that she raised a remarkable woman in my friend Donna Gibbons Riota. I love the stories Donna has told, Wanda had such a loving heart and was so loyal to Mimi. Wanda was an excellent example to her children and grandchildren. What a lovely legacy she leaves. Thanks Donna for the wonderful picture you painted of your mother in your stories. And how blessed is she that she has gone home to the Father. Well done Wanda !!!!! May God richly bless her loved ones.*

*In Him
Cheryl McLean*

Cheryl McLean - April 16, 2013 at 05:25 PM

RW

“ *I will always remember Mimi with a smile on her face. Her love for her family was always an inspiration to me, and I will be forever thankful for always being there for my son, her grandson, Donnie. My deepest sympathies and love to all her family.*

Robert Wolf - April 15, 2013 at 10:02 PM

MS

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. I had the honor to meet Mimi once. Her debility was very advanced at that point but her beautiful personality shun through. I wish I would have known her better but I am thankful for the small amount of time we shared. Rest in peace Mimi.

Melissa Sandoval - April 09, 2013 at 12:24 PM

KM

“ Wanda was a remarkable woman and this is a very beautiful memorial. Her daughters carry on her tradition of caring and of adventure! Much love to all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Katherine A. Mitchell. - April 08, 2013 at 11:35 AM

MD

“ We will always remember our beautiful Aunt Wanda and send hugs and love to Nora, Donna, Lisa and Marsha and children and grandchildren.

Meg Mitchell Davidson - April 06, 2013 at 09:13 PM