



## Wanda Jean Rich

February 16, 1959 - May 15, 2017

Wanda Jean Rich of Chestertown, MD, died May 15, 2017, at her home. She was 58.

Wanda was born February 16, 1959, in Baltimore, MD, the daughter of the late Julius Rich and Katie Mae Jackson. Wanda was a 1981 graduate of Washington College. In 1995, she graduated from LaSalle University with her Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies and Liturgical Ministry. Ms. Rich taught music, played the piano and organ, sang and directed choirs at many churches including Hazelwood Baptist Church in Baltimore, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Chestertown, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Wilmington, DC, St. Brendan Church in Hilliard, OH, First United Methodist Church in Chestertown, and St. Luke's, St. Andrew – St. John Newman Parish in Ocean City, MD. She began playing in church at the age of nine and continued through retirement. Wanda loved camping, hiking, and watching old movies. After her retirement, she took on the role of caregiver to her mother and father.

She is survived by her sister, Julie Mae Helsel (Larry) of Baltimore, MD; two nieces, Teresa Mae Heim of Baltimore, MD; Anita Michelle Phillips (Jerry) of Suffolk, VA; one nephew, Larry Helsel Jr. of Fort Meade, MD; one great-niece, Emilee Mae Heim; and two great-nephews, Julian Heim and Benjamin Phillips.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call one hour prior (12-1 p.m.). Interment will follow the service in Chester Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, Attn: Tribute Giving, 8400 Silver Crossing, Oklahoma City, OK, 73132 or to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

**MAY 18.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Jean Rich*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Wanda Jean Rich*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Wanda Jean Rich*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My condolences to her family and friends.*



**Faith Davis** - October 11, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jean Rich*



**Marilyn Ford** - May 18, 2017 at 09:15 PM

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“ *I will miss my dear friend very much! Wanda had the singing voice of an angel & I'm sure she's one of the celestial music directors now.*

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**Mary Kate** - May 17, 2017 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Mary Kate lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jean Rich*



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**Mary Kate** - May 17, 2017 at 03:33 PM