



## Wendy Joy Nutter Young

October 7, 1952 - February 22, 2022

Wendy Joy Nutter Young, 69, of Roscoe passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her adoring husband and three loving daughters on February 22, 2022. Born October 7, 1952 in Anoka, MN; daughter of Arnold and Carol (Rehbein) Nutter. Graduate of Forest Lake High School, class of 1970. In a ceremony reflective of their shared love of kayaking, Wendy was canoed down the Wolf River on June 6, 1981 in Fremont, WI where she married Fred at the river's edge. Wendy obtained her BA in Economics and MBA from Rockford University. Her three daughters were her greatest joy and she treasured being able to stay home and rear them. Wendy's girls, along with their families, brought her immense joy. She was a devoted and treasured Oma to her grandchildren. She was involved in the community, serving on multiple boards over the course of her lifetime including the American Gear Manufacturers Association, Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Stateline YMCA, and as an Executive Committee Member for the Rock Valley College Foundation. Wendy worked alongside her husband at the company founded by his parents, Forest City Gear, located in Roscoe, IL, and was CEO & President of the company for nearly ten years. Wendy's leadership was an integral part of the growth and expansion of the company. She was named the Individual Business Catalyst of the Year in 2021-a prestigious award from the Rockford Chamber of Commerce. In 2022, she was selected to receive the AGMA's Chairman's Award as someone who has contributed in a meaningful way to the gear industry. In her younger years she was a gifted kayaker and

outdoor enthusiast. She enjoyed attending Rockford Symphony Orchestra performances, creating beautiful and memorable holiday celebrations for her family and employees, and spending peaceful weekends at their lake home in Wisconsin. Survived by her loving husband, Fred; daughters; Appy (Rustin) Mikel, Kika (Anthony) Risa, Mindy (Ryan Davis) Young; grandchildren, Joey, Kysa, Levi, Addy, AJ, Nollie, Clementine, Charley, Evie, Wilder; step-grandson, Felix Davis; siblings, Lori (Roger) Brandel, Todd Nutter; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; God Parents to her daughters, Dan and Becca Ivancich and a circle of treasured friends too numerous to mention. Preceded in death by her parents; sister-in-law, Mary Nutter and brother, Greg Nutter. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Wendy's memory may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation for the EGFR Resisters: <http://participate.lcrf.org/goto/wendy> Visitation Friday, March 4, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Additional visitation on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Doug Thiesen will officiate. Live stream of service can be viewed here: <https://my.gather.app/remember/wendy-joy-nutter-young> Private family interment in Pinnacle Hill Cemetery in Roscoe. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Visitation

MAR 5. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

## Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services  
4301 N. Main St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wendy Joy Nutter Young



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**Grace Funeral & Cremation Services** - March 07, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Wendy Joy Nutter Young



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**Grace Funeral & Cremation Services** - March 07, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ Always looked forward to seeing Wendy, Fred and their beautiful daughters at AGMA Annual Meetings. I am privileged to have known this lovely lady. Rest in peace Wendy. Cindy Bennett, former Director, AGMA Foundation

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**Cindy Bennett** - April 14, 2022 at 08:03 AM

JM

“ Hello Fred,  
My sincere condolences to you and your family. Loss of a loved one is so painful as I understand this firsthand when I lost my daughter 5 years ago at age 30 to her battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Carry on and share your good memories with those you know, that is the biggest tribute we can give to our lost loved ones.

Respectfully,  
James Manning  
President  
STD Precision Gear & Instrument, Inc.  
318 Manley Street  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

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James Manning - March 07, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ Light Blue Open Rose with White Mum (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



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March 06, 2022 at 02:19 PM

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“ In 1997 when my son Mike was in the hospital and rehabilitation facilities for a brain injury Wendy (and Fred) kept Merrie for many many days and nights, treating her like their own so I could be with Mike. Never will I forget that.

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Linda O'Brien - March 05, 2022 at 11:10 AM

GN

“ So generous to all who visited Forest City Gear. Wonderful memories of our times together at your home and AGMA events - and your visit to Australia.

*Rest In Peace.*

*Love to Fred, Apple, Kikka and Mindie from Shelley and Gordon*

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**Gordon New** - March 05, 2022 at 06:06 AM

WF

“ Ted and Donna Weskamp and family are sending so much love to your family now. Wendy was such a beautiful person, heart and soul. She absolutely kept my parents (Ted and Donna) up to date with her life, and they have so enjoyed that. They are stunned and saddened, but please know we are praying for you all and know her joy will shine through her family she so dearly loved.

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**Wendy Foster** - March 04, 2022 at 08:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



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March 04, 2022 at 12:42 PM

WI

“ WithLove-Zen, Jerry, JohnCichonFamily purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



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**WithLove-Zen, Jerry, JohnCichonFamily** - March 04, 2022 at 10:37 AM

YI

“ Your Colleagues at Schafer Industries purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



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**Your Colleagues at Schafer Industries** - March 04, 2022 at 10:14 AM

WP

“ My deepest condolences to Fred and the entire Young family. Wendy was an extraordinary woman and friend that will be truly missed. Know that she will always be with you in your hearts and thoughts. God Bless you all in these trying times of healing from your loss.  
Wayne and Virginia Potts

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**Wayne Potts** - March 04, 2022 at 09:54 AM

CE

“ So many memories from coffee after children were dropped off at school, wine with friends around the fire pit, carpooling to drop off the children at church on Wednesday nights, an occasional stop at Baker's Square to sneak a piece of cream pie, playing Balderdash, accidentally locking keys in the car. So many memories and thinking how Wendy's middle name "Joy" was so appropriate for her personality and how she would spread joy. Thoughts and prayers of comfort to Fred, Appy, Kika, Mindy and her grandchildren.

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**Celeste** - March 03, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



March 03, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



March 03, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Prayers to Fred and family. Wendy contributed much to our local business recognition. Our family too remembers many visits to Wolf River, especially the one-of-a-kind brunch served at the Wolf River Lodge. Now Wendy's daughters will continue to contribute to our community. Rest in peace. Roy Chostner*

**Roy M Chostner** - March 03, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wendy's husband Fred and their beautiful daughters, a family we were blessed to get to know and watch grow over the years. Sending loving hugs from the family of Bob Zanocco (The Frame Shoppe).*

**MaryEllen Jansen (Zanocco)** - March 02, 2022 at 10:38 PM

RP

“ *Rufus and Charlotte Puckett purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



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**Rufus and Charlotte Puckett** - March 02, 2022 at 10:18 AM

GB

“ *Appy, upon reading your mother's obituary I can see where you got many of your remarkable qualities. Losing a mother is one of life's most difficult events, and I send you prayers for acceptance, comfort, strength and healing. Your mom will always be right there, as close as your breath, whenever you think of her. So you will never lose her. You will miss her but you will feel her presence. Remember that when someone we love dies, it is but a brief parting. Until you are with her again may God and your angels hold you and carry you onward. It's surely what your mother would want for her family because of her deep love for you all. Take care and be comforted by the knowing that you gave her so much love.*  
*Ginger*

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**Ginger Beck** - March 01, 2022 at 01:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



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March 01, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of Wendy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, especially Fred, Kika and Mindy.

*Deb Dietz*

Deb Dietz - February 28, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



February 28, 2022 at 03:38 PM

DR

“ Dennis Regan purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



Dennis Regan - February 28, 2022 at 12:50 PM

DR

“ Dennis Regan purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



Dennis Regan - February 27, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



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February 27, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



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February 26, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



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February 26, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



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February 25, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



February 25, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.*



February 25, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *My condolences to Fred and his family on the heartfelt loss of Wendy. With all due respect. Jose Luis Pina*

**JOSE LUIS PINA** - February 25, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ *Susan Gates lit a candle in memory of Wendy Joy Nutter Young*



**Susan Gates** - February 24, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



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February 24, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Wendy Joy Nutter Young.



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February 24, 2022 at 07:00 PM