



Sharon M. Wiltz

January 1, 1934 - September 19, 2021

I, Sharon Dale Wiltz, choose to write my own obituary. I have left this world satisfied that I tried my best. I loved the journey and was mindful of the people whose lives touched mine. I treasured the time spent with my husband James and our family of four, Marci, Mike, Joni and Jamie.

I was born January 1, 1934 to Alice (Mills) and Howard Dale of Sterling, IL. Seven years later came my sister Julene Maxey. Together we grew in a loving and caring environment. Together we chose the same profession – dancing. The Sisters of Loretta at St. Mary's Grade School, Sterling, IL encouraged my teaching by having me direct the 1st grade Christmas Program when I was in the second grade. They further encouraged me to teach the choreography to the High School's Musical Revue when I was in 7th and 8th grade – and so it began.

My first public recital was at the Moose Hall in 1950. Through the teaching of the Dale sisters at the Dale Dance Studio our students grew in number to five hundred. I did extensive studies in dance at Sadler Wells Ballet School in London, England and with Preobenjinski, famed teacher in France and was named in Tammy Sutton's journal as a top ten teacher in tap. I choreographed two major ballets and thirty-four Broadway musicals for Dixon High School. I had dances published in the National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists and earned my Dance Masters Degree in 1952. I was recognized by the Dance Masters Association for 52 years of outstanding teaching. Dixon recognized me as Dixon's Lady of Dance.

It's not the recognition that made me happy but the excitement and confidence I brought to the students who danced with me. My husband and I loved working together to see eyes light up, hearts beat faster and see the pride in student's eyes in what they achieved.

I treasure the time I have spent with my husband James, our family of four – Marci, Mike, Joni and Jamie. My love to Marie Bracciale, Becky, Zachary, Trevor, Rebecca and Cami Wiltz, to Ross and Evelyn Berkley, to my sister Julie Dale, Jen Gowers Skolnick, Kobi and Glory B Skolnick. Carry on and give all that you meet more than they expect.

I leave this world with satisfaction and joy as well as a message – Keep a song in your heart, a smile on your lips and a beat in your feet.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 15, from 4-7 pm at St. Patrick's Church, Holloway Center in Dixon. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dixon on Saturday, October 16 at 10:30 am, with Rev. Thomas Doyle officiating. A luncheon and celebration will follow at the St. Patrick's Church Holloway Center.

Memorials may be made to the James and Sharon Wiltz Music Scholarship fund at Dixon High School. Donations can be sent to Dixon High School, 300 Lincoln Statue Dr. Dixon, IL 61021. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Holloway Center
612 Highland Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Service

OCT **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
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Tribute Wall



“ Sharon M. Wiltz

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Sharon M. Wiltz

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Wiltz.



October 14, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Wiltz.



October 14, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JR

“ our family was so saddened to hear of the passing of Sharon. Jim & Sharon were wonderful neighbors to us for over 50 years and my parents felt so very fortunate to know them & have them close by. Our mother, Jo LaFever, taught at DHS with Jim and in the 1960's and 70's my brothers and sister and I were very fortunate to attend DHS during their tenure as the best musical directors in the area! How very fortunate Dixon and DHS were to have this great couple leave a great legacy. Our condolences to the entire Wiltz family. The family of Bill & Jo LaFever

Jill Reigle - October 11, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Wiltz.



October 04, 2021 at 10:59 PM

CM

“ Chris Morgan lit a candle in memory of Sharon M. Wiltz



Chris Morgan - September 28, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Sharon M. Wiltz.*



September 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *My deepest condolences for the families loss. A lovely, gracious lady.*

Julie Gascoigne - September 24, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ *Sharon was the nicest sweetest lady I ever met. Our sincere condolences to the family. May God lay his healing hands on your hearts and bring comfort to your souls. Rick and Sharon Tucker*



Sharon Tucker - September 23, 2021 at 03:43 PM

RB

“ Our whole family has been positively impacted by knowing Sharon. From knowing Sharon professionally to being friends of her and Jim, her love of others and her knowledge of theater and dance and putting that to great use in the Dixon and Sterling area and beyond impressed our whole family. She not only knew her dance craft, but also shared it with hundreds, allowing them to enjoy her results. I was able to observe that first-hand as a co-director with Jim and Sharon for five years. I believe her products of dance were unmatched. The local reviews of the musicals reflected her best efforts. She was and is so admired by everyone. Her impact on so many people will not be forgotten. We are all better off for knowing Sharon Wiltz. May her memories live on! Love to all the family.

Richard Boyer - September 22, 2021 at 08:14 PM

IR

“ My more sincere condolences to Joni, Ross and Evelyn. A hug for you. Belsys

Irisbelsy - September 22, 2021 at 08:05 PM

VV

“ Victoria Venier lit a candle in memory of Sharon M. Wiltz



Victoria Venier - September 22, 2021 at 02:28 PM

TM

One of the most influential women in my life. What a wonderful legacy she left in our community. "I Wish You Love"

Teasha McMillion - September 25, 2021 at 11:27 AM