



## Janet (Skagenberg) Wilkins

May 25, 1939 - April 30, 2026

Janet (Skagenberg) Wilkins, age 86, of Wilmington, NC, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at UH Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby, OH. Born on May 25, 1939, in Houtzdale, PA, Janet lived a life full of love and cherished memories.

Janet was a graduate of Mentor High School and went on to attend Bowling Green State University, where she became a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

All who had the privilege of knowing Janet were touched by her boundless love, generosity, kindness, and zest for life.

Janet had a deep passion for reading, traveling, music, philanthropy, sports, and the arts. However, her greatest joy came from the time she spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She will be profoundly missed by everyone whose lives she touched. Janet left a lasting mark on the hearts of her family, friends, and the many organizations she supported. Her legacy of love and compassion will continue to live on through those who knew and cherished her.

Survivors include her children: Jeffrey (Lauren) Wilkins and Lisa (Jason)

Petitfils; grandchildren: Mallory (Dale) Engelhorn, Trent Carpenter, Drew Wilkins, Trinity and Thomas Hubert, and Jacob Wilkins; and two great-grandchildren: Kingston and Teigan.

Preceding Janet in death are her husband of 42 years, Ray Wilkins Jr.; parents, Charles and Gertrude Skagenberg; and sister, Marilyn Larson.

A celebration of Janet's life will be held at a later date. Please continue to check this obituary for details.

The family requests contributions be made to Saddle Up!, 1549 Old Hillsboro Rd., Franklin, TN 37069, or online at <https://www.saddleupnashville.org>.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ I had the pleasure of working with Janet for over 20 years. In all that time, I don't recall Jan ever having a bad day. It seems she woke up every morning and chose to be joyful. At the same time, she was an astute investor with a very sharp wit. She maintained a wonderful balance in her life. Her family and friends meant everything to her, and we spent a great deal of time talking about her children and grandchildren. What I most admired about Janet was her spirit. She never stopped traveling and never hesitated—even as she aged—to drive between Wilmington and Asheville each spring and fall. I admired Janet greatly and hope I will have even half of her energy and joy as I grow older. I was lucky to know Jan, and I will miss her.

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**Jason Knight** - May 14 at 07:03 AM

MB

“ Janet was a stellar leader and member of our church. I learned so much from her and will miss her smiling face. Mebane Boyd

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“ Janet was a dear friend in Wilmington NC. She will be missed by many people here.

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**Barbara Byrd wilmingtion nc** - May 12 at 06:21 PM

CA

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Janet, my high school classmate and friend. You will be deeply missed. My sincere sympathy to all those who knew and loved her. Carol Schroeder Zofchak.

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**carol** - May 10 at 10:32 AM

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“ *I was heartbroken when I got the news. I took care of her landscaping needs and desires for 20 years. She was more than a client. She was a friend that went above and beyond that!* ”

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**Vikki Morrow** - May 08 at 09:42 AM