



## Wendy Peterson

March 3, 1947 - June 19, 2024

Wendy was born Gwendolyn Gravelle on March 3, 1947 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. As part of a large extended family, she maintained strong ties to Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, fostering close relationships with family and friends.

She went to high school in Redford Township, Michigan and attended Olivet College. She began a career in medical product sales, working for a number of companies covering the eastern US. After a successful period in sales, she was promoted to sales training manager and moved to the Chicago area. Her career progressed from training & development to corporate communications and public relations where she interfaced with corporate executives and notable people in the media.

In Illinois, she met her future husband, Jim; they were married in 1986. Wendy became a stepmother to Melissa and Mike.

Wendy loved her family, enjoyed her work and enjoyed her lakefront homes in northern Illinois. In 2004, Jim's job took them to California, first to San Ramon and later, in 2012, to Benicia. Wendy loved everything about Benicia, her waterfront home, her church, the Benicia Yacht Club, the shops, restaurants, music venues and Tuesday bocce.

Wendy passed away at home on Wednesday, June 19. Wendy will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her, especially her niece, Sarah Johnson, her stepchildren, four granddaughters and her loving husband, Jim.

Wendy's wishes were in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Wendy's name to the "Tim and Jeannie Hamann Foundation" who assist patients financially while going through cancer treatments. Checks can be mailed to 513 1st Street Benicia CA. 94510 [hamannfoundation.org](http://hamannfoundation.org)  
Memorial services will be held on 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 27th at S.t Paul's Episcopal Church, 120 East J St., Benicia.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
120 East J Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Jim. I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Wendy. I know you are heartbroken. Losing someone you love can not be described. Bob enjoyed working with you at Fresenius and was so happy when you and Wendy moved to town. Please take care of yourself.  
Toni Hassard

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**Toni Hassard** - August 13, 2024 at 09:17 PM

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“ Wendy loved Bocce Ball and on Tuesday nights when Jim throws a winner we will always hear Wendy calling “That’s my Husband” .

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**Judith Judson-Baker** - June 21, 2024 at 01:12 PM