



Mrs. Zoie Wikert

June 30, 1960 - September 21, 2024

Zoie Wikert, 64, of Valrico, born on June 30, 1960, in San Diego, California, went to be with the Lord on September 21, 2024. She was a retired teacher for Yates Elementary (Hillsborough County) - where she served as past-president of the PTA, a member of the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association, and attended Ahava Baptist Church in Plant City. She loved the Lord, and her family dearly, and enjoyed the beach, reading, and Disney. She is survived by husband of 33 years, Ron Wikert; daughters, Rochelle Wikert, and Johanna Wikert; mother, Diane Willoughby; and many other family, and friends. She was preceded in death by father, Bill Willoughby. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 P.M. at Ahava Baptist Church, 6015 W Farkas Road, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center at <https://www.moffitt.org/give>. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

Ahava Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall

TA

“ I'm just learning of Mrs. Wikert's passing and am stunned! My condolences to her family. I met her as a sub at Yates elementary and regularly subbed for her. This is such a loss for for her family and the children she touched over her years of teaching. A great teacher, mentor and caring professional. Prayers are with you all.

Terry Anderson - August 23, 2025 at 08:00 AM

AG

“ Mrs. Wikert was my 4th grade teacher 2021-2022, I knew she passed a while back and all I can say is I miss her. I remember once she had told us about the st.augustine light house, turned off her computer and scared us it was actually kind of funny although it was scary, and then for teachers appreciation week I got her some bath n body works things, and she told me "thank you I know I've been rough on you all year but I want you to know that I only do it because I care for your future and lifes not always gonna be easy" and that really broke my heart because that day told me she wasnt just a strict teacher but it opened my eyes to know she cared enough for me even though I'd never see her again, she lived in my neighborhood. and now knowing I'll most definitely never see her again makes me tear up. rest in piece Mrs. wikert.

Alejandro Gaitan - July 26, 2025 at 01:36 AM

PL

“ I have just now learned of Zoie's passing. Was acquainted with her 35-40 years ago at our church in California when she was a new believer. Wonderful to see from her obituary that she'd continue walking by faith in Christ and that gfaitg has become sight. Prayer uplifted for her loved ones who remain on earth.

Paul Lasson - November 20, 2024 at 07:15 AM

AS

“ I want to add to noeliz note and say it was such a pleasure working hand and hand with you to better noeliz grades. Your dedication and effective communication with parents was a breath of fresh air. Thank you for your dedication. Our most sincere condolences to all of your loved ones. <3
-Ashley DeJesus (Noeliz Mom)

Ashley - October 17, 2024 at 06:49 PM

NO

“ Hi,my name is Noeliz and Mrs.Wikert was my 4th grade teacher.She was very kind,pretty,and good at teaching. Mrs.Wikert thought me so much things and I think she is a good teacher.She gave me a heart blanket and a stuffed animal,and a gift card when we did the eaglet dollar store.I love her so much as a friend and she has been talking about her daughters and how pretty they were.I think she had two daughters I don't know but,she was a really,really really a great teacher.Thank you everyone and I hope you made it in the hurricane.

Noeliz - October 17, 2024 at 06:45 PM

TH

“ I was so fortunate to have met Zoie and become her friend. We met at Yates Elementary and would have wonderful talks, she shared her beautiful smile and loving personality to all that she met. What an inspiration to all who knew her. I will miss her dearly. She will forever be in my heart and my memory.

Tina Holbrook - October 04, 2024 at 11:43 AM

AM

“ *She was such a cheerful presence at Yates. During our time together, I taught her daughter, Johanna, and Zoie was president of the PTA. Johanna was a light in the classroom, and it was easy to see where she got her kind and happy personality. Zoie brought a cheerful atmosphere everywhere she went, and it was to everyone’s delight that she was hired on as teacher. My love and prayers go out to her family.*

Angelina Morris - October 02, 2024 at 04:54 PM

MT

“ Zoie you were such a graceful fighter, but always believing in Faith and trusting and leaving it in God’s hands.

As teens, we would talk constantly about boys, our futures, constantly pranking each other, that also went into adulthood. Running home from school to listen to our Elton John, Eagles, Fleetwood Mac albums to name a few, while singing along. Cruising El Camino Real with friends while listening to Beach Boys on an 8 track in the car. Parties at the beach, Going to Day On The Green Concerts or at Winterland.

Growing up & older, talking about our kids, jobs, husbands & life. Enjoying our get togethers with old friends & family.

So many laughs, cries, hugs, but so much love & respect between us, our friends & family.

We talked many times about growing old, moving next to each other, rocking in rocking chairs on the porch while scoping out the neighborhood.

Never thought there would be a day without you, even now when I see a funny video, I want to send it to you.

Life will never be the same without you my friend, love you my beautiful friend of 52 years. We will miss your laugh, Hollywood scream, smile and big beautiful heart ❤️

I look forward to the day we meet again.

Much love & hugs to Ron, Rochelle, Johanna & Diane, nothing we say can make you feel less hurt, but know that so many are thinking and praying for you.

Love you Zappy Zoie Ann! Love, Mertz 🌸



Mary Lee Tobin - October 01, 2024 at 09:19 PM

MP

“ I was blessed beyond what words can express from knowing my sweet beloved sister in Christ, Zoie. The Lord gave me 11 years of having her in my life here on earth, and I'm forever thankful for the gift He bestowed to me of knowing and having her dear and close, and even more so, that I will see her again in glory. She poured herself out immensely to myself as I'm sure she did with others. She encouraged me, built me up, sharpened, and edified me in the faith we both shared. I gained so much from her. Her faithful walk of trusting the Lord and standing on her solid rock and foundation was always an evident testimony of the God she believed in. Her trust was in Jesus Christ the Son of God, who offers the forgiveness of sins for all those that have sinned against the All Mighty and Holy God, acknowledging their sin and need for a Savior, whom himself could only do through His perfect sinless life, death on the cross taking the place sinners deserve, and resurrection accomplishing the payment for sins. Her sins were forgiven and paid for by Him and Him alone. She was bought with a price, redeemed by her Lord, and truly strived to walk in a worthy manner to bring Him Glory. She no longer lived for herself but lived to honor Him. Those who knew her can attest to Zoie's fruitful life of being a child of God. All the good everyone saw in her was because she was redeemed and given the gift of salvation. It's why she was able to love others the way she did. Though I miss her greatly, I can rejoice, for I know that to die for a follower of Christ is to gain eternal life in heaven with their Lord. (Philippians 1:21) I've lost my sister, but only for a while.

Maria Perez - September 30, 2024 at 04:47 PM

LN

“ My memories of Zoie our built around her two daughters Rochelle and Johanna. Having taught both of them in high school at Seffner Christian Academy, I was privileged to get to know this amazing woman who had an amazing capacity to love people. But it was her love for her daughters that drew us together, as we often shared mother to mother the joys and struggles as mothers who want for her children what she herself had in Jesus Christ. Zoie was honest and humble, and filled with sacrificial love. She is a loss to us on this side, but only as we forget what she showed us. I will, indeed see my friend again, and we will share once again, but this time the joys will be magnified in seeing how our amazing savior, Jesus Christ, has eternally used all our burdens for his glory and our good. My heart aches for Ron and the girls, as she leaves a huge hole . But I know God himself will fill it. I praise him for this life, well-lived, and the best that is yet to come. Soli Deo gloria. ❤️

Linda Norton - September 28, 2024 at 05:04 AM

CS

“ What a joy to have known Zoie! Through her difficult journey, she maintained a faithful testimony of her Savior, and she was a wonderful part of Ahava Baptist Church. We shall miss her caring demeanor and sweet smile. Praise the Lord, we know this is just "see you later" for all who are in Christ Jesus will reunite with her one day!

Art & Cathy Sagendorf

Cathy Sagendorf - September 27, 2024 at 10:38 AM

HC

“ Zoie, you had a light that that radiated from you that could never be dimmed. Your humor, your faith, and your humble spirit that made you an exquisite human being is what we all should strive towards. I was blessed to not only know you, but to consider you one of my dearest friends. I will always think of you when I hear “I Don’t Wanna Know” by Fleetwood Mac and “Take it Easy” by The Eagles. You will forever be missed, but your smile will never be forgotten. Until we meet again, sweet friend. 💔😘🙏



Heather Carty - September 26, 2024 at 07:33 PM

AS

“ Zoie was one of the best people I have ever met in my life! She embodied love and light. She was special! She was kind, compassionate, optimistic. She loved her family and she loved Jesus. My heart breaks knowing what we lost, what the world lost, with her passing. I will focus on what I gained just by knowing her. Such a beautiful soul!



April Stanley - September 26, 2024 at 08:27 AM

WF

I cannot believe such a sweet and wonderful person has left us. She graciously arranged a "reunion" lunch of retired teachers just a few weeks ago. I had the privilege of working with Zoie at Yates Elementary . She was a beautiful person inside and out. Never one to complain, she had a wonderful ability to make anyone's day better. Her beautiful smile and outlook always made people feel better! I am so sorry for Zoie's family and all her friends. Godspeed my friend. You will be missed!

William Fallen - September 29, 2024 at 09:20 PM

DE

These beautiful comments about Zoie are so true and what a testimony about her. I was also blessed having her in my life for a short time when she lived in the PNW. Such fun and laughter we shared. Her love of the Lord, her family and friends was evident when you spent time with Zoie. I look forward to the day we meet again, but will grieve in my heart for a time with knowing she is not here with us today. Sweet, wonderful Zoie. Keeping Ron and the girls in my prayers.

Deanna - October 01, 2024 at 12:34 PM

HE

Hello i am heather German and I was one of her student and i am in 5 grade now when me and my sister found out that she died it was sad because it was the month of my birthday so I wanted to say I love y'all and her kids so much and hope she has a nice day with the lord.

heather - February 24, 2025 at 04:54 PM