



Lois Marie Wells

February 21, 1947 - January 23, 2021

Lois Marie Wells

73, passed away on January 23, 2021 in Annapolis, Maryland. Lois was born on February 21, 1947 and was a proud native of Cinderella in Mingo County, West Virginia. In her own words, she lived a good life and was not afraid of death. In reliance on her strong faith she was excited to be welcomed into Heaven by her father, Paul Dotson Sr., her mother, Geraldine Cox, her beloved youngest son Tim, and a whole host of siblings, aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, in-laws, and dear friends. She truly longed to see them all again.

Lois is survived by numerous siblings and close relations. She cherished and loved them all deeply, especially her closest relationships with her sisters Debraha Watson and Alicia Dotson, her brother Paul Dotson, Jr. and his wife China, and her nephew Jerome Wells. She was a steadfast and trusted friend to many. While those she thought fondly of and held warmly in her heart are too numerous to mention in this space by name, but no accounting of her life could omit her Liberty High School teachers and 1965 Classmates; her Cabell-Huntington Hospital co-workers; her friends from the Annapolis Senior Center; her bonus child and dear friend Barbara Wells, and all of Tim's friends who graciously served as loyal and loving surrogates until her last days, especially Scottie Hornbuckle and Susan Breece. Her faith in God was real and throughout her life she was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Williamson, WV where she taught many children Sunday School; First Baptist

Church in Huntington, WV; and had a special relationship with Heritage Baptist Church, especially Reverend Green, in Annapolis, MD.

Above all, anyone who knew her clearly understood that without question her highest calling and purpose in life was her role as a Mother. Lois Wells served in that role with excellence and distinction for over 53 years without a moments interruption. Her unyielding and everlasting commitment, sacrifice, strength, and love will live on and remain on display in her surviving sons, Donald (Michelle) of Columbus, OH and Robert (Robbie) of Annapolis, MD, and her four grandchildren, whom she loved and enjoyed beyond imagination: Jalen, Paige, Sophia, and Alex.

Lois Wells was a hard worker her entire life. She held jobs to support herself and then her family from the time she was 13 years old. She was willing and proud to do any honest work to provide whatever was necessary and at various times she was a housekeeper, a preschool teacher, a county extension officer assisting families in need, and a store clerk. Ultimately she found her life's professional work as a dietary aid at Cabell Huntington Hospital where she retired after over 30 years of loyal service. She was a frugal and serious woman by nature and had an unusually strong sense of responsibility and accountability. She did not tolerate waste, laziness, or false flattery of any kind.

But she was not all work and certainly enjoyed many of life's pleasures. She was a proud alumnae of Liberty High School, one of West Virginia's last all-Black schools. She attended every Liberty reunion without fail, and most recently was honored to serve as President of the Reunion Committee. While living in Huntington she regularly hosted holiday parties for her co-workers and friends and continued that tradition when she re-settled in Maryland. She enjoyed cooking and especially making homemade chocolates and hard candy at Christmas which she always generously shared. Between her sons and grandchildren she tolerated being a spectator at hundreds of athletic events and most enjoyed faithfully attending all other school functions, including PTA meetings, plays, recitals, Grandfriends' Days, and graduations.

She really loved to travel taking trips with family and friends all over the world, including cruises with her dearest friends from the Liberty High School Class of '65 which she especially enjoyed.

Those who know her will not be at all surprised that in her writings she left behind a message of gratitude and instructions for us all at the time of her death: "If you have touched my life or my children's lives I thank you. Please don't cry or worry because I have a host of people to be with now. Think of me and try to find a reason to laugh."

The family requests that memorial donations and donations in lieu of flowers be made to: The Tim Wells Memorial Scholarship Fund, Huntington High School, 1 Highlander Way, Huntington, West Virginia 25701 attention Megan Luke; or Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122 (www.hospicechesapeake.org/giving/donate-now).

Visitors are invited to join the family on Sunday, January 31 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for a visitation period at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, 924 20th Street, Huntington, WV and Monday, February 1 at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Huntington, WV, for the celebration of Lois' life with Pastor John Porter officiating. Burial will take place immediately following at Springhill Cemetery, Huntington, WV. While the family appreciates the overwhelming outpouring of sympathy and support it has received, they also understand that there are those who are not comfortable attending public services at this time due to the ongoing public health emergency and we know that they will celebrate Lois' rich life in their own way. For those who do plan to attend, please wear face coverings and practice safe social distancing measures during the visitation and funeral

Tribute Wall



“ *Lois Marie Wells*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Robert and I would like to thank you for your comments, prayers, and cards during the period of sending mom home. We felt the love and joy that she shared with so many people. I wish that we could hug each of you and say thank you. Mom would want us to*

Donald Wells - February 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donald and Robert - my prayers for your family. Your mother was always so very kind to our family over the years and I remember spending much time at your house under her careful watch while Tim and I found ways to horse around. She was truly a kind p*

Jamie McQueen - February 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donald and Robert - my prayers for your family. Your mother was always so very kind to our family over the years and I remember spending much time at your house under her careful watch while Tim and I found ways to horse around. She was truly a kind p*

Jamie McQueen - February 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *so sorry to hear about lois' passing; i knew her from the annapolis center and she was always so nice to me. I will miss seeing her there. RIP lois wells*

cindy purnell - February 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ My sympathy to the family. ❤️

Vanessa Wilkerson - January 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We were so fortunate to have known Lois. She was a wonderful person with a strong faith. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She shared her inspirational life story with us as we enjoyed time together. She will always be remembered fondly. Ou

David & Pulou Conover - January 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Donald, Robert & Ralph....my thoughts, prayers, love & many hugs are with you & your families at this difficult time!

Rachel Grimm Ramey - January 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Lois was such a dear friend to my mom Jane Mitchell, they spent hours on the phone together. I used to tell them they could have gone to dinner and a movie during one of their lengthy sessions. They laughed and said they do that too. I can only imagine

Theresa Hensley - January 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ZR

“ It was an honor & privilege to have met & loved Mrs. Lois. She had a Christmas celebration for about 5 seniors, which initially started at her home and then she moved it to Red Lobster. She was special & made us feel special. I was adopted

Zilphia P Ross - January 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Donald & Rob,
You and your family are in my prayers. I have many memories of your Mom. Her calling me "Colin's" which was generally followed by "your full of it" stand out. Most of the time she was not wrong about that by the



Colin "Gooch" Wills - January 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Donald and Robert:

I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a beautiful, kind-hearted person.

I really missed her after she moved away. But I know she was so happy to be nearer you and your families.

I remember she had been

Jean Kincaid - January 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ To my nephews, Donald and Robert, and my dear brother Ralph, truly my heart hurts with you at this time. I pray that God will strengthen you and carry you through this time of grief in Lois's homegoing. The obituary is a glowing tribute to Lois of how

Goldia S McCall - January 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Wells family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sons and their families. Your mom will be truly missed, she was such a beautiful person inside and out.

Kim Jones Hairston and Richard Hairston - January 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Prayers and sincere Sympathy to all Lois Family and friends, may God comfort each and everyone. So sorry for your loss.. Los always had such a beautiful smile for anyone.

Arlet Eldridge/Norman Phillips - January 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM