



## Constance T. Wilds

July 22, 1941 - March 22, 2020

Constance D.R. (Terry) Wilds was born July 22, 1941 in Stamford, CT to the late Robert and Margaret Terry. She was the eldest of four siblings.

Connie graduated from the Stamford Public Schools system and continued her education at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, OH where she received her B.A. in Psychology and her M.A. Degree from Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT along with a second Master's Degree in Psychology.

Connie worked at C.T.E. in Stamford as an administrator before moving on to Western State University, Danbury, CT where she was a professor of Black Studies and then later became Dean of Student Affairs. She spent over thirty plus years of service at West Conn U., before retiring and making Florida her second home.

Her community affiliations included The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and was amongst a handful of pioneers who created the Afro-Democratic Committee in Stamford.

Connie was the perfect embodiment of a faithful Christian and loved singing in the church choir at Bethel A.M.E., often rendering solos. She was a serious person and sometimes very witty and she did it "her way."

Besides her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Terry, Connie was predeceased by a sister, Edna Davis.

She leaves to cherish her son, William Wilds (Daisi), her two sisters, Ina Cameron-Winn and Hilda Terry, a brother-in-law and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Connie will be extremely missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services will be held Friday March 27, 2020 at Graves Medley Funeral Services, 31 Stillwater Ave., Stamford, CT.

Visitation from 10:00AM - 11:00AM a service at 11:00AM.

Interment will follow at Willowbrook Cemetery in Westport.

Services entrusted to Graves Medley Funeral Services Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## Willowbrook Cemetery

Westport, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Graves Medley Funeral Services  
31 Stillwater Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 323-2666

## Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ To My Forcean Soror Connie,

*You were a distinguished Alumna from our dear Willberforce University and a Cherished Soror and Delta Dear of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority , Inc. Your life was an inspiration and your memory will be a warm celebration! May you rest safely in peace.*

*With Delta Love and Violets,*

*Bonita Taylor Ewers, Ed.D '69  
"Bonnie"*

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**Dr. Bonita T. Ewers** - June 16, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SB

“ *Ms. Wilds will truly be missed. I had the pleasure of being blessed with her guidance while attending WCSU. She was a role model and that person who got you ready for life. May you rest in peace.*

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**Sean Beasley** - March 28, 2020 at 07:08 AM

CH

“ *Such a wonderful, inspiring woman. Mrs. Wilds was always there to encourage every student and make them believe in their highest potential. She had a fierce sense of humor, and always gave it to you straight.*

*She was a role model to many college students, and she'll be remembered with love.*



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**Cherisse Harris** - March 28, 2020 at 06:33 AM

AE

“ I knew Ms. Wilds for her love, humor, & wisdom. She could energize a room with her bellowing laughter. She would make her favorite young men from Hartford “ Phil, Dexter, & me,...Junie, would check in with her just to be a consistent source of support. We use to act jealous when she got a call or wasn't around & got on her like her love was only for us. I can hear her belt out a laugh from her heart & soul then call us mess. She truly loved us as we did her. Forever missed & highly appreciated! 🙏🌸❤️

Aaron Junie Ellerbe - March 27, 2020 at 09:55 PM

JM

“ Connie, you will be missed by many . You made life a lot easier for many Westconn students back in the day . Rest on now

James McCarley - March 27, 2020 at 01:16 AM



“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Constance T. Wilds.



March 26, 2020 at 08:10 PM

TA

“ Ms Wilds !!! We met at IAP 1994 - I always felt in my heart that she hated me, I think she even mentioned her dislike for me that first year, several times. As my freshman year progressed - unfortunately I regressed and eventually was academically expelled from school, summer '95. That summer my mom (passed away '04), told me she can't take my foolishness anymore and I need to shape up. My mom payed for summer school and I took 6 classes to get my GPA to about a 1.9 or something crazy like that. I had my bags packed ready to start my sophomore year at WCSU ... then I went to White Hall and was told I have no schedule, room or enrollment at WCSU. I felt like I got shot, I remember going back to the car telling my mom - life is over. I went back seeking help and answers stagger around the building and hear that voice ... I'll remember it for the rest of my life. I go to that voice ... it's Ms Wilds - I explain my situation to her, she listened, shook her head and said quote "don't you embarrass me you hear" - she picked up the phone made 2-3 calls, gave me a note and had me meet with the Dean. By the time night fell - I was literally in class and in my dorm room with my guys. Three years later I get a random call over the summer from Ms Wilds asking if I want to be a counselor for IAP '97. I took the job and met my wife for the last 17 years and two amazing sons. I turned my academic issues to success- today I'm an educational administrator with my Doctorate in Ed Leadership! Thanks Ms Wilds .... you're my hero

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**Tawfik Adams** - March 26, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JP

“*Connie and I worked together at Western Connecticut State University for @30 years. We became much more than colleagues- we became great friends. I not only loved her for her amazing smile, uplifting outlook on life and her warmth-I loved her because of how deeply she cared for our students and how she always did much more than her job description outlined. She was a remarkable woman and her loss is a great one. (Jeanne Posner)*

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**Jeanne Posner** - March 26, 2020 at 01:31 PM

CL

“*Where do I start. I had know Connie Wilds for many years as a colleague, friend, second mother. A person that you could talk to about anything. The thing that you would always take away from her conversations was that, she truly cared. I will cherish the memories, as most of us will. I can truly say that, she helped shape the lives of many students at Western in a positive way and she will be missed.*

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**Carlton Lee** - March 26, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Constance T. Wilds.*



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March 26, 2020 at 11:27 AM

MG

“ I had the privilege of working with Connie for years at WCSU. Her dedication to seeing the students she worked with become successful - and not just academically - was a lesson to me and to many others she worked with over the years. She was loud and filled with laughter, tough in her expectations, but gentle as a feather in her compassion. I talk to former students frequently who never miss the opportunity to talk about Ms. Wilds and the difference she made in their lives. She left a void when she left our campus, and leaves one on the world now. I'm grateful to have known and worked with her.

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**Maribeth Griffin** - March 26, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MD

“ Dr. Wilds showed me what it meant to be a successful African American. I used to walk in her office in awe because I had never seen a more beautiful place. She instilled in me a powerful resilience through our conversations. The WestConn community lost a stalwart for education and a moving force.

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**Mark Dykes** - March 26, 2020 at 08:26 AM

VL

“ VL  
valerie lane-whichard  
5 hours ago  
Ms. Wilds was a second mother to so many of us who went to WCSU. She had a big voice and even bigger heart and would tell you like it is and we loved her for it. Thanks for the lessons, laughs and love Ms. Wilds you will be missed.

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**valerie lane-whichard** - March 25, 2020 at 08:41 PM

AN

“ I met Connie in 1991 at WCSU when together we ran an Individualized Achievement Program. I ran her Study Skills Lab and together we served about 50 students a year arming them with the academic and social skills needed for success. Today many who attended the lab work as teachers, administrators, nurses and business men who still keep in touch.

Connie understood that the playing field lacked equity. She became a personal cheerleader for all her students always reassuring them that education would open doors and opportunities would arise, so they needed preparation. We built the lab and they came. I thank her for her confidence in me during my stay. She is remembered fondly by the stories she shared, the lessons she taught and the love she supplied.

Rest soundly for the Lord knows His own.

Andee Nunn

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**Andee M Nunn** - March 25, 2020 at 07:32 PM

JF

“ Jimmie Davis and Davis Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Constance T. Wilds.



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**Jimmie Davis and Davis Family** - March 25, 2020 at 05:56 PM

TF

“ The Betances Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Constance T. Wilds.



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**The Betances Family** - March 25, 2020 at 04:41 PM

MT

“ Mrs. Wilds would always ask me if everything was ok and if I needed anything to come see her. Mrs. Wilds always kept it real with me and everyone else. She was such a giving person, not just money but her time and knowledge. My sister and I would eat lunch with her in her office and outside of her office. I wanted to leave the University and she asked me what you going to do when you leave, girl you better keep your butt right here. Mrs. Wilds I thank you for all you have done for me. S.I.P. Mrs. Wilds my WCSU Mom!!!!

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**Margaret Teasley** - March 25, 2020 at 04:38 PM

RS

“ Connie (as we called her at WCSU) was a gentle, witty and compassionate force of nature who always exuded sunshine. Even though I had only occasional interactions with Connie, she remained one of my favorite people. My condolences to her family for such a great loss.

*Russ Selzer*

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**Russ Selzer** - March 25, 2020 at 03:01 PM

VL

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**valerie lane-whichard** - March 25, 2020 at 03:25 PM

PH

*We are so happy for Connie that she has finally made it Home after a beautiful life earning her place in heaven by enriching the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Connie was a powerful presence at Western who left an indelible mark on all of us - students, faculty & staff. Connie was not only a bright, intelligent, insightful individual but also a really positive, kind, thoughtful, sensitive person who thought with her heart. Thank you, Connie. We miss you. Paul Hines, Retired Professor of Chemistry, WCSU*

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**PAul Hines** - March 25, 2020 at 04:19 PM