



Wanda Behrens Horrell

May 1, 1954 - January 11, 2023

Wanda J. Behrens Horrell, age 68, transitioned peacefully at Stamford Hospital on January 11, 2023. She was born in Bronx, New York on May 1, 1954 to James Roy Behrens and Jean Howeth Behrens. She earned a Master's in Social Work from Columbia University and served as a Psychoanalyst for numerous years. Her memory will be cherished by her daughter; Amanda Mayfield and her husband Christopher and her son; Blake Behrens and his wife Elizabeth, her granddaughter; Olivia Mayfield and her beloved friends, patients and dogs. A service of remembrance will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm at Graves Medley Funeral Services, 31 Stillwater Ave., Stamford, CT. Inurnment will be private.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial

JAN 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Hi Miss Wanda, you have helped me write a paper for my college essay. One day I hope to write as smart and as well as you! Rest well <3*

v.o - November 07, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wanda Behrens Horrell.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda Behrens Horrell.*



January 16, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Wanda, I have missed you terribly the last several years! You were my best friend for decades! Your fighting spirit and incredible design sense will surely live on through your daughter and granddaughters! Rest peacefully! You deserve that for all of the help and comfort you always gave to others! We will miss you!*

Marie Maran - January 16, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wanda Behrens Horrell.*



January 16, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wanda Behrens Horrell.*



January 16, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ *Reading the passing of your mom saddened Nell and me. Your mom walked into my life at the Arts Westchester Building. One day in 2008, my studio opened, and in walked Wanda; she said what do you do here. And the next twelve years became more interesting. I would describe Wanda as a 'Pistol,' meaning—A "pistol" person with a lot of verve and personality, and the sort you don't forget. Wanda, without hesitation, started asking me about cameras, websites, and eCommerce. Within days she bought a camera and launched a website, Red Leash. For most of the next twelve years, Wanda walked into the studio and became an unforgettable part of my life.*

Wanda always talked about Amanda, Blake, and Walter; her deep love always came through. That love also was there for your spouse's and the grandchildren elevated her passion and spirit.

Wanda was a good person and as good a friend as you could want.

Paul Plaine - January 15, 2023 at 01:33 PM

ZS

“ My heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your mother. She was truly a treasure to all who knew her.

Zelda Strong-Diaz - January 15, 2023 at 08:46 AM

VG

“ I’ve known Wanda since I was two years old. Even as a little kid, she stood out to me as incredibly vibrant and energetic. I have so many memories of spending time at her homes, first on Drake and later on Heathcote. Amanda and I shared a few birthday parties. The most memorable was at the indoor pool at the Y during the blizzard of 1995. We ended up in a photograph in The NY Times jumping into the pool with a headline like “swimming during a blizzard.” A little snow couldn’t stop her. she will be sorely missed.

vicki Goldberg - January 14, 2023 at 12:47 PM

MF

“ Marie & Peter Maran & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wanda Behrens Horrell.



Marie & Peter Maran & family - January 14, 2023 at 11:04 AM

EW

“ I first met Wanda at Keltons in the Bronx I think we were 10, maybe 11 there was a whole slew of friends from there that till this day some of us are still in contact, Wanda always stood out with her feistiness her style and her beauty, we lost contact for a long time and reconnected about 20 years ago and saw each other a couple of times and stayed in touch... Anyway Wanda you will be missed however never forgotten ... Rest easy, may your elevation be smooth till we meet again...

Eric Weinstein - January 14, 2023 at 12:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wanda Behrens Horrell.



January 14, 2023 at 12:28 AM

NS

“Wanda and I shared coming-of-age together as young adults moving from late teens into our 20's. We were very close through college and a few years beyond, and part of a special group of art friends that imprinted us all with grace and difficulty in equal measures. Five minutes after she got her driver's license she was tooting around in the red Karman Ghia convertible that belonged to her then-boyfriend, and literally that same day she came and picked me up and we were off on one of our adventures...the first, but certainly not the last. Many of those consisted of going to drink black russians while listening to bad lounge singers at some hotel nightclubs. She made everything hilariously funny. She taught me to cook her incredible Italian meatballs and sauce and "skets" as she called spaghetti. (I'm vegan now, but they are a great memory). George, her guy at that time, was Italian, and that's what she made, literally all the time. We all loved it. One Christmas, she and I decided to make big portrait cookies of all of our friends. They were profiles in gingerbread with white icing, and they were pretty damn good. And of course, dogs. Wanda had two: Brutus, a sheepdog she got as a puppy and Asha, a crazed dalmation. These were two high energy dogs cooped up in a Bronx apartment and the atmosphere was wild! When I was 18 I started therapy with a wonderful therapist down on 10th Street off of 6th Avenue. Soon after, inspired by what we shared about it, Wanda followed suit in the same practice. Her therapist was a woman named Mei Mei Hammer, and she had a big influence on Wanda. At first, we used to travel down to our sessions from the Bronx to Greenwich Village together, coming home on the D train and shivering at night on Bedford Park Blvd, waiting for the bus. She used to do a dance to keep warm as we froze, and invented a funny chant I can hear to this day. Anyway, that was the very beginning of her becoming a therapist herself. She told me that wild kids were her specialty because she had been a wild child. She had a proud story of having bit a nun in Catholic school, and that should tell you everything you need to know. Wanda was a force! and I'm glad she was in my life. Say hello to the gang, dear!

Nettie M Spiwack - January 13, 2023 at 08:42 PM

KH

“ *Wanda and I were very close friends in our early teen years and my mother always loved when she spent time in our house. Fond memories. She was part of our family. She spent a weekend at our lake house in South Salem and we got stranded in the middle of the lake in a rowboat...fighting off a snapping turtle. Lots of laughs!*

karen herbster - January 13, 2023 at 07:20 PM

BR

“ *Condolences to Amanda and her family. Sending so much love. -
Brittney Marie Ralph*

Brittney Marie Ralph - January 13, 2023 at 05:30 PM

YT

“ *Your PharmaValue Partners Team purchased the
Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Wanda
Behrens Horrell.*



Your PharmaValue Partners Team - January 13, 2023 at 02:17 PM