



Wendy Kay Samp

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Wendy Kay Samp, 60, from Alpena MI, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at Henry Ford Hospital surrounded by family.

She was born on September 24, 1964, in Alpena, MI, to William and Maureen (Pierce) Benson. Wendy married Joseph Samp, on October 11, 1999, in Las Vegas, NV. She will be remembered as a great woman who loved her family dearly. Wendy graduated from Alpena High School in the class of 82. She spent her career purchasing and procuring for U.S. Silica, where she became the Vice President. Wendy retired in 2023, but still consulted for Samp Services. She and her husband owned a log cabin up north for 20 years. Wendy loved spending time up north, especially when her children and grandchildren came up to visit. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Mexico. Wendy was a devoted Catholic and enjoyed reading the bible and keeping up with her daily prayers. She loved golfing when she was younger and as she got a little older, she enjoyed quieter activities, like reading and playing games on her phone. Wendy accomplished so much in her lifetime, too many to name, but her favorite part of her life was spending time with her family. She will truly be missed by all her knew her.

Wendy will be missed by her husband, Joseph Samp; her children, Alex (Tracy) Hunter, Bailey (John Dindia) Samp, Ashley (Vernon) Dyer and Reiley Samp; her father, William Benson; her sisters, Anna Benson and Serenity Milligan; 6 grandchildren; and many other beloved family members. She is preceded in death by her mother, Maureen Pierce.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude's Children Hospital. Please leave a message of comfort for Wendy's family or sign her guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.



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MM

Mark Mansueti posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Joe and all of Wendy's family. She was a fantastic women and friend. I am so grateful to have worked with her and to have spent time with her and her family in Alpena. I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing and am so sorry that she is no longer with us. May she rest in peace in heaven.

November 13 at 5:20 AM

JW

John Werner posted:

To My sincerest prayers go out to Joe and all of Wendy's family. She was a wonderful person , and always had a smile on her face . She will be sadly missed by many . John Werner Alpena / Howell

November 5 at 1:04 PM

RD

Ryan Dieckman posted:

On behalf of the John Deere Construction & Forestry Division, our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Wendy's family on her recent passing. I had the pleasure of working with her as the Deere point of contact for U.S. Silica on equipment needs, etc. and was a joy to call her a friend as well. Big hugs to all that knew and were fortunate to be in Wendy's life...Ryan Dieckman - Deere Strategic Account Manager

November 5 at 11:58 AM

MF

Michele Frieday posted:

I am so very sorry to hear of Wendy's passing. She was an amazing woman, coworker and friend, whom I had the good fortune of working with for many years, at both Lafarge and US Silica. She was serious in her work but fair, dedicated but fun loving, strong but caring. Her love for her family was clear in every conversation and in everything she did.

November 4 at 4:01 PM



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DL

Dustin Lowery posted:

My condolences and prayers to all family and friends of Wendy. I've only had the privilege of working with Wendy for a very short period of time before her retirement. I first met Wendy on a Teams call as she interviewed me for my current role. I heard how tough she could be and was prepared for the worse. To my surprise she was absolutely very kind and comfortable to speak with. I can just tell that she was just direct and there is nothing wrong with that. We have spoken, traded emails and IMs a few times prior retirement. Thank you for your support Wendy. Wendy had worked hard and earned a great retirement with her family and friends. I'm sorry that it has been cut so short. God must have great plans for Wendy and I know she will not let him down. Dustin Lowery

November 4 at 11:18 AM

BC

Bernie Clements posted:

Joe and family Wendy was an awesome boss and loved immensely by her team. She looked out for me when my wife was sick and she listened to concerns, taught and mentored. Words cannot describe the loss and the pain you and Wendy's family is going through.

November 4 at 8:33 AM

KH

Kevin Hough posted:

Joe - I can't express how sad I was to hear of Wendy's passing. She was an amazing individual, friend and co-worker for many years. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kevin Hough

November 4 at 7:07 AM

JL

Janie Lloyd posted:

joe and kids i'm so sorry windy was a great person hugs your all in may prays

November 3 at 7:23 PM



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MW

Mike Winkler posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my dear friend and longtime colleague, Wendy. I had the privilege of working alongside her at US Silica for over a decade. During those years, I not only witnessed her significant dedication to the company but also had the pleasure of getting to know Joe and Reiley. My heart goes out to you both and the entire family in this difficult time. Wendy was truly a cornerstone of our team, embodying our Core Values we strived for every day. Her commitment was unmatched—her work ethic inspiring. Whether it was early morning calls from myself or late-night emails, Wendy was always there, ready to lend her expertise and support. She was the person so many of us turned to for her extensive knowledge of the company and her unshakeable loyalty to US Silica. But beyond her professional dedication, Wendy's love for her family shone through in every conversation. She spoke often and fondly of Joe, Reiley, Bailey, Alex and especially her beloved grandchildren. She was incredibly proud of her family, and it was clear they were the light of her life. Rest in peace, my friend—you will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

November 3 at 2:29 AM

GI

Grace Idalski posted:

Dear Joe and Reiley, We are so sad for your loss of Wendy. We send our deepest sympathies and will keep you in our prayers. Love, Florian and Grace Idalski

November 1 at 2:55 PM

EC

Erin Crum posted:

I was so saddened to hear of Wendy's passing. I worked with Wendy for 8 years and learned so much from her. She was a cherished co-worker and friend who I would often look to for advice. She was so excited to retire and spend time with her grandkids! Just recently, she sent me a video of her grandkids making a "candy salad" at her house! I am so happy they have those memories with her. Prayers to Wendy's family - I can only imagine how much she will be missed. Love, Erin

November 1 at 12:41 PM



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AC

Annie Carroll posted:

I am deeply saddened to share the news of Wendy's passing. I met Wendy five years ago when I started at US Silica, and during my time in the accounts payable department, I had the privilege of working closely with her through accounts payable and on various special projects. Wendy was not only incredibly knowledgeable about the purchasing side but also took the time to teach me so much about various other things within the company. Just days ago, on the 28th, I spoke with her about a project she was working on, and hearing of her passing has left me in shock. She was an amazing woman whose impact will forever be felt at US Silica. I know many of us will cherish the memories we have of her and the lessons she taught us. She always spoke of her family and how excited she was to retire so she could move back home and spend time with them. I will keep the family in my prayers for the days to come.

November 1 at 10:31 AM

LM

Laura Mcanany posted:

I am so very sorry to hear of Wendy's passing. She was an amazing woman whom I had the fortune of working with for many years. I have such happy memories, especially of a time when she stayed with me during a trip to Belgium & spoiled my son rotten....she was so generous and fun to be around. Joe & family - please know how much she was loved by so many.

November 1 at 10:15 AM

SL

Susan Leblanc posted:

Sharing in your sadness at the loss of Wendy. She was an amazing woman, and I enjoyed working with her at US Silica.

November 1 at 6:59 AM

SD

Sara Dussair posted:

Wendy - you were such a trailblazer! I am so grateful for the advice and support you gave me. You were smart, had an unbelievable work ethic, and loved your family fiercely. The last time I saw you was via facetime - you were about to go swimming with your grands and were so happy you looked like you were floating. Thank you for everything, Wendy. My deepest condolences to your family.

November 1 at 6:08 AM



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AS

Allison Stadnick posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Samp family. I had the pleasure of working with Wendy for almost 10 years, starting back at our time in the Chicago office. She brought a lot of laughter and light to our work family and she will be missed.

November 1 at 6:00 AM

CL

Carrie Lueker posted:

I met Wendy via a Teams interview to join her Purchasing team in April of 2022. Her decision to hire me to work with her amazing team helped change my life in the best way possible. As a fellow Michigander with family ties in Alpena, I instantly connected with Wendy. I will forever be grateful for her faith in me, her mentorship, encouragement, and friendship. She will always hold a special place in many, many hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this extremely difficult time. With love-Carrie Lueker

November 1 at 5:53 AM

VB

Vero Brown lit a candle in honor of Wendy.

I had the honor to meet Wendy and work for her 3 years ago, after her retirement we stayed close, and we became friends. She was an amazing boss, mentor and friend that had huge heart and was always willing to help. Wendy will be terribly missed, our hearts and prayers go to Joe, kids, grandkids and Buddy. Joe, I pray the lord gives you all comfort knowing that she is in a better place and that she is with her beloved Mom. Hugs for you and the family. Vero Brown



November 1 at 5:21 AM

RD

Roger Dorr posted:

Joe and all family members and friends of Wendy sorry for your loss

November 1 at 2:57 AM

TC

Terry & Julie Curtis posted:

Joe - so sorry to you and your family, we are shocked to learn of Wendy's passing. Your old neighbors, Terry & Julie Curtis

October 31 at 3:40 PM



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DR

Darlene Risner posted:

So sorry for your loss. Wendy was an amazing lady. Took care of her kids and grand kids.

October 31 at 12:24 PM

DG

Dort Galloway posted:

Joe, so shocked and sad to hear this. May she RIP.

October 31 at 11:55 AM

NB

Nicki Bruski lit a candle in honor of Wendy.

I'm so sorry for your loss! Aunt Wendy was an amazing person. Sending my love.
Nicki Bruski

October 31 at 11:21 AM



OM

Owen Milligan January 5 at 11:31 AM

My aunt Wendy was the best aunt I could wish for whenever we would come to her house she would have food made drinks out candy out everything you could wish for one of my favorite memories is when she wrapped my sisters present in several boxes plastic wrap and Christmas lights it was absolutely hilarious, Love you Aunt Wendy.

FF

Frank Fuss November 4 at 4:39 PM

I am so sorry to hear about this very sad news Joe. Peace and grace to you and your family. -
Frank Fuss

RK

Red Kowalski November 1 at 10:03 AM

Joe and family, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss.

NH

Nyla Huggler November 1 at 5:36 AM

Joe and family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve for Wendy. We have wonderful memories of the times we spent together. May she RIP. Love, Nyla & Wayne



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wendy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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