



Carol Ann Wingeier

June 21, 1930 - July 4, 2019

Carol Ann (Wise) Wingeier, of Asheville, NC, died on July 4, 2019 of the effects of diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease. She was born June 21, 1930, in Calhoun, GA, daughter of Harry A. and Anna Maude (Harmon) Wise. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Douglas E. Wingeier of Asheville, daughters Ruth Marie (John King) of Long Prairie, MN, and Martha Emily of Boulder, CO, and sons Stephen Gilbert of Atlanta, GA (Dawn Aura), and Philip Douglas (Diana) of Silver Spring, MD, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Harry, of Toccoa, GA, and two infant granddaughters.

Ms. Wingeier attended the Calhoun Public Schools, graduating in 1947. She attended Georgia State College for Women (now Georgia College) in Milledgeville, GA, earning a BS in Business, in 1951. Twenty years later, in 1971, after raising a family and ten years of missionary service, she gained a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL.

She and Doug were married in Calhoun, GA, on June 14, 1952--a year to the day after they had met in a Methodist Youth Caravan training center at McMurry College, Abilene, TX.

Carol was strongly influenced by childhood experiences in the Calhoun

Methodist Church, and then in the Wesley Foundation at GSCW. This led her to volunteer to serve one summer in a Methodist Work Camp at Simpson College in Iowa, and the next as a Youth Caravaner in Texas, where she and Doug met. After returning home from that experience she soon took the bus to Boston where Doug was starting seminary, and worked in the Cokesbury Book Store and then the Registrar's office at Boston University.

Married a year later, the couple served a year in youth ministry at Fisk Memorial Methodist Church, Natick, MA, and two years as pastor-and-spouse at Graniteville (now Westford), MA. They shared common interests in Christian education, social and racial justice, and global mission, which led them first to three years of educational ministry with University Methodist Church in Tulsa, OK, and then three more with Carter Memorial Methodist Church, Needham Heights, MA, while Doug completed his PhD, and Carol was a stay-at-home Mom raising Ruth (born in Graniteville), Stephen (Tulsa), and Martha Emily (Needham).

Feeling the call to missionary service, Carol and Doug underwent preparation at the Missionary Orientation Center in Stony Point, NY, and study of Mandarin Chinese in the Institute for Far Eastern Languages at Yale University. They were commissioned as missionaries of the Methodist Church in 1962 and assigned to Singapore, where Carol served as the founding director of a bilingual kindergarten at the Foochow Methodist Church and gave birth to Philip, while Doug was teaching at Trinity Theological College. They served there 1963-70, including a home assignment 1966-67 in Chicago, where Carol began her Master's studies. A half-century later she was invited to return to Singapore to participate in the kindergarten's 50th anniversary. Unable to do so, she sent her greetings via video.

Returning to the United States in 1970, Carol with her family moved to Naperville, IL, where she completed her studies at Roosevelt, and after

graduation taught in nursery schools, then served as Educational Enabler in Wesley Methodist Naperville, Wesley Methodist Aurora, and after their move to Evanston at Methodist churches in Glencoe and Glenview, IL. Later she utilized her business training by working in several departments at Northwestern University and in various Chicago-area companies.

In Chicago she re-connected with her Appalachian culture, learning to play the banjo, joining in jams, attending folk concerts, and developing her clogging skills. During this time Carol was also active in United Methodist Women, and in various peace and justice causes, such as the United Farm Workers boycott, the Nuclear Free Zone movement, care for the environment, and gay and women's rights.

She and Doug also served stints as mission volunteers in Haiti, Palestine, Samoa, Korea, Hong Kong, and back in Singapore.

Moving to Lake Junaluska in 1997, Carol tended a large garden, a small orchard, and a yard full of flowers, plus hiking the Appalachian Trail, engaging in the folk music scene, and protesting nuclear weapons, torture training at the School of the Americas, and the Iraq War.

Since moving to Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville in 2008, she has been involved with First Congregational United Church of Christ, Central United Methodist Church, and, with her banjo, a weekly blue grass and old-timey music jam.

For many years Carol enjoyed gardening wherever she lived, cultivation at her small farm in GA, camping and canoeing with her family, and roughing it at her log cabin in MN--expressions of her love for nature, country living, and the

out-of-doors. Carol will always be remembered for her engaging smile, her creative teaching skills with children, her faith-based dedication to peace and justice, her grounding in her Appalachian roots, her banjo and clogging abilities, her global perspective, and her devotion to family.

A celebratory "wake" for Ms. Wingeier will be held at Brooks-Howell Home on Friday, August 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m., followed by a memorial service on Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. The burial will be at the Curtis Family Cemetery in Calhoun, GA, on Saturday, August 3, 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), 123 W. Madison St., Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60602, the United Methodist Women (UMW), 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115, or the Alliance for Global Justice, 225 E 26th St Ste 1, Tucson, Arizona 85713-2925 (for either/both Nicaragua Solidarity Committee and/or School of the Americas Watch).

Previous Events

Wake

AUG 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Brooks Howell Home
266 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.brooks-howell.org>

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Ann Wingeier*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Doug, Susan and I were so sorry to learn of Carol's death. Please know that we pray for you each morning. I remember that you and Carol came to visit me at Clark Home when you were in Grand Rapids for the West Michigan Annual Conference. I appreciated that very much. In Christ, Randy Hansen, D.Min. 1996*

Susan Hansen - August 03, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ *Foochow Methodist Church purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Carol Ann Wingeier.*



Foochow Methodist Church - July 31, 2019 at 05:39 AM

RS

“ Dear Dr Wingeier:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Carol. I so much appreciated you and your care for me while a student in Naperville. Arlene and I so much appreciate what you and Carol did when we were at a class in Evanston when my glasses broke. We in fact just talked about that weekend a few days ago when I got new glasses. On that day Carol canceled the what she had planned to take me into the city to get a new lens. It took most of the day. She graciously helped take up the wait time by taking me to the art museum. It was a stressful day for all of us but she made the best of it as she helped me get that lens.

Our thoughts and prayers are and will continue to be lifted for you and your family. May God bless you and your family and grant you comfort the loss of your special wife, Carol!!!

Rev Charles Smith - July 24, 2019 at 11:15 AM

BJ

“ Dear Doug,

I just saw the news that Carol died. I just wanted you to know that I am thinking of you.

Barbara Smith Jang

Barbara Smith Jang - July 23, 2019 at 05:17 AM

SL

“ *Unfortunately I did not know Carol long enough to understand the full extent of what a kind, loving woman she was. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience her winning smile and kind words. The world is better because she was here.*

Sharon K LeDuc - July 22, 2019 at 07:13 PM

 Karen
Garcia

“ *In reading her life story it sure seems like she will surely be missed. My deepest sympathy in your loss as a family, especially my friend, Ruth. We love and miss you. Sending you hugs.*

Karen & Jorge Garcia

Karen Garcia - July 17, 2019 at 02:23 PM

JD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Doug and the family. As a member of our Haywood County AARP Chapter, Carole was always so pleasant to be around. Also, a devoted member of the Senior Democrats, she was a great advocate, along with you Doug, of the Peace movement. She has been missed here since you moved to Asheville, but she never gave up her work to better this world by being involved in Buncombe. You are in my thoughts and prayers always*

Juanita Dixon - July 08, 2019 at 03:38 PM

DJ

Our prayers and sympathy to the Wingeier family. In June 2019, I had the pleasure of taking a "Missions" class with Dr. Phil Wingeier-Rayo, as well as the opportunity to interview Rev. Dr. Doug Wingeier, while staying at the Brooks-Howell Home for a 4-day residency. It was a great experience to learn about the will of God, missions, and your family. What a wonderful life!

Dr. & Mrs. John Henry, Jr.

Dr. & Mrs. John Henry, Jr. - July 09, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Morris Funeral Home - July 06, 2019 at 09:42 AM