



## CITY OF OAKS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION

Obituary

# Wendy Estelle Levine

Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina

Age 85.

Died 01/24/2024.



Wendy Estelle (Idelson) Levine  
12/26/1938 – 1/24/2024

Wendy Estelle Levine, 85, of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, sadly left us following a battle with dementia. She is survived by her elder daughter, Janice Sitzes (John Swartz), and grandcat, GK, of Cary, NC; younger daughter, Jeanette Timmons

(husband Michael) of Princeton, NJ; grandsons, Liam Timmons and Forrest Timmons; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, Wendy graduated from the prestigious Barnato Park School for Girls Johannesburg High School. She immigrated to the United States in 1960 to marry Robert Levine from Brooklyn, New York, whom she met in Edinburgh, Scotland while she was living with her sister and brother-in-law. While raising her family on Long Island, she helped establish and grow the audio-visual collection at Oceanside Public Library. After her divorce in 2009, she lived in Hewlett, Long Island before moving to Princeton, NJ and subsequently Cary, NC.

She will be remembered for her quick wit and her passion for expanding her horizons both literally and figuratively. A worldwide traveler, she visited six of the seven continents. She loved and excelled at gardening, entertaining, and dancing. She instilled in her daughters her love of the arts, enjoying the ballet, symphonic concerts, live theatre, movies, and museums. Her sense of humor, combined with her love of the arts, led to her request that the song, "Ding-Dong! The Witch is Dead," be played at her funeral.

She was an avid reader of books and her beloved New York Times; she insisted on doing its crossword puzzle in ink. A die-hard tennis fan, she loved attending the U.S. Open and Winston-Salem Open, and watching the Tennis Channel. Although her greatest joy was derived from her children and grandchildren, she took great pride in being an early member of a women's cycling group and her volunteer work with the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Florence Idelson, and sisters, Daphne Horwitz and Rona Kolvin. A celebration

of life will be held on Long Island the weekend of June 8-9. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the animal rescue group of your choice.

For additional information or for service details, please reach out to the family directly.

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Simply having to reach out to a funeral home can feel overwhelming. Our goal is to simplify the entire funeral home experience and make the process as easy as possible. We hope to eliminate any unnecessary surprises by publishing our total cost and the services we provide directly on our website. All of our obituaries are provided

free of charge as a way to help families celebrate and commemorate the lives of their loved ones.

# Our Promise



## Apples to Apples

Just like all other licensed funeral homes in North Carolina, City of Oaks Cremation, LLC is regulated by the NC Board of Funeral Service.

The same laws that apply to the big corporate funeral homes also apply to the modest independently owned firms like ours. All crematories in North Carolina, regardless of who owns them, are inspected annually by the state and must adhere to the same rules and laws.



## Genuine Care

We're committed to providing families within our community unsurpassed service before, during and after the time of loss.

Our staff will provide clear communication to your family through each step as we move forward from the original phone call notifying us of a death to the time we deliver the urn back to your family. We will treat your family with the utmost respect, as we honor the wishes of your loved one.

We promise to make this process affordable and as endurable as possible.



## State Wide

Our Funeral Home is located in Wake County NC; however, we provide our services to families throughout the entire State.

Unlike other funeral homes, we don't charge an additional mileage fee. Regardless of what county you live in, we can help your family with making simple, affordable funeral arrangements. From Asheville to Wilmington, we're proud to help families statewide.

# Our Services





## Direct Cremation

\$1196.75

Nobody likes surprise costs added in at the last minute. We guarantee you will not find any hidden charges here. We include everything you need for a simple or direct cremation. Simple, affordable and reliable. We have not changed the cost of our direct cremation service since we opened City of Oaks in 2012.

**CREMATION**

## Cremation with Visitation

\$1917.84

City of Oaks Funeral Home and Cremation provides an affordable cremation option with onsite visitation. Nobody likes surprise costs added in at the last minute. We guarantee you will not find any hidden charges here. Simple, affordable and reliable.

**CREMATION & VISITATION**

## Immediate Burial

\$2497.50

An immediate burial has the same end result as a traditional burial; however, we have eliminated the extra (sometimes unnecessary) services prior to getting to the cemetery. Not everyone wants an open casket for viewing or a limousine for the family. Despite the term immediate, we can move as fast as you need or as slow as you like. This option simply allows you to save money by eliminating some of the fancy extras at the funeral home.

**BURIAL**



## Traditional Funeral

\$5866.98

We offer the same traditional funeral services as the big corporately owned funeral homes in the area; however, we cost about half the

## Green Burial

\$3033.75

This establishment is one of a select number of funeral homes who meet the criteria for providing green funeral service by the Green Burial

## Aquamation

\$2640.59

As an alternative to traditional cremation, City of Oaks Funeral Home also offers Aquamation. The Aquamation process, often

amount. You might consider a traditional funeral service if your family is looking for an open casket visitation, a traditional church service or a funeral service in the funeral home's chapel. A traditional funeral service can be altered to fit the needs of your family.

**FUNERAL**

Council; a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization working to encourage environmentally sustainability in the field of funeral service. Our Green options allow for a funeral to take place without the use of toxic and non-biodegradable materials/chemicals.

**GREEN BURIAL**

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**AQUAMATION**

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