



Maureen "Reene" Wilkins Maloy

August 5, 1949 - August 22, 2018

Reene passed away the morning of 8/22/2018. She is preceded in death by her parents F. Raymond and Clare Wilkins. Reene is survived by her sons Sean (Amber), Scott (Katie), grandsons (Braylon, Bowen, Mason, Roman, and Lincoln), sisters Denise (John) Colton/Magnus, Elayne (Keith) Hertenberg, Donna Valerius, many nieces and nephews, and her dear friend Anna Jones.

She was a graduate of Assumption High School (AHS) where she was basketball captain her junior and senior years. Reene then attended and graduated from the University of Louisville (UofL) where she lettered 4 years in each basketball and field hockey. She was a basketball captain in her junior and senior years and led the Cardinals in scoring each of her last three years. In the 1970-71 basketball season, she averaged 21.2 ppg which would place her in the top 5 all-time in single season scoring average; however, the NCAA does not recognize women's statistics prior to 1976. Reene was one of 50 selected to try out for the 1970 Pan Am Games. In 1994 and in 2005, respectively, she was inducted into the UofL Athletic Hall of Fame and the AHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

She was successful in her work as the first woman sports writer for the The Courier Journal and The Louisville Times, as a head basketball coach at AHS from 1977-1980 (77-22 record, 1979 7th Region Coach of the Year when her team was 32-1) and then as an assistant basketball coach for the UofL women's basketball team from 1980-1987 during which time the Cardinals

were 3X Metro Champions. She then coached her son's St. Edward basketball teams to three City Championship titles. She was a commissioned Louisville Cardinal and Kentucky Colonel. Outside of athletics and coaching, she primarily worked as a trust officer for PNC Bank where she ascended to Vice President of the IRA and Trust Department. Of these many achievements, she was most proud of her sons and grandsons.

Visitation: 3pm-8pm Friday, August 24, 2018 at Owen Funeral Home, 9318 Taylorsville Rd. Funeral: 10am Saturday, August 25, 2018 at St. Edward Church, 9608 Sue Helen Dr.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Assumption High School where a fund in her name will be established.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 24. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Edward Catholic Church
9608 Sue Helen Drive
Louisville, KY 40299

Tribute Wall

KB

“ So sorry to just hear about Reene passing. Her sister Denise was a good friend and I worked with Donna her sister in law at St. Anthony’s Hospital. My condolences to you and all the family.



Karen Phelps Black - April 18, 2021 at 07:52 AM

LF

“ I am sorry to just now know of Ms. Wilkins' death. I was a copyboy (there's an old newspaper term) in the 70s at the Louisville CJ & Times newspapers' sports department. I believe it was Earl K. Cox (great guy who hired me also) who got the idea to hire 2 female sports writers. They were Christine Doty and Renee Wilkins. I noticed the interactions between the 100% white male staff in the sports department and the newcomers. They were not overtly welcomed at first. It took a few months for the guys "on the rim" to get used to them. There were lots of sexist jokes/pranks that I saw and heard - many of them pretty raw. We're back in the 70's remember? Renee and Doty did very well and I had no problem with them. They got some really important sports beats and turned out some really good stories on high school and college athletes and programs. I left the paper after 2 years, but I remember how fun the atmosphere was at the old CJ & T sports department. Even I was given some stories to write. Thanks for a trip down my memory lane. Rest in Peace, Renee. I never knew your name was Maureen.

Lloyd "Mick" Fuller - March 25, 2021 at 11:17 AM

ED

“ I remember Ms. Wilkins as a tough and fair teacher. She set the bar high, and made you want to surpass it A good motivator of students as well as athletes. I really enjoyed her as a teacher. My prayers and sympathies to her family on their loss. Ellen Daly '81

Ellen Daly - October 03, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maureen "Reene" Wilkins Maloy.



August 24, 2018 at 05:47 PM

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“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Owen Funeral Homes - August 24, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maureen "Reene" Wilkins Maloy.*



August 23, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Maureen "Reene" Wilkins Maloy.*



August 23, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Maureen "Reene" Wilkins Maloy.*



August 22, 2018 at 11:16 PM

MZ

“ I followed Renee's coaching career at Assumption and U of L. She was an excellent coach and role model to the young women she worked with. Her smile and pleasant demeanor were memories I won't soon forget. I also remember the joy she expressed at having her two wonderful sons. Renee was brought joy to her work and to those around her. Old coaches never die...they just pass on to new jobs in heaven 🙏🚀🚀🚀.

Mary Helen Zahn. Former athletic director, teacher and coach at Assumption High School.

Mary Helen Zahn - August 22, 2018 at 09:43 PM

AJ

Mary Helen, you too was a pioneer in women's basketball. Renee spoke very highly of you and she considered you an equal/ role model. She was a forerunner in many areas but she always consider her greatest accomplishment was that as a Mother Her boys and her grandchildren were always a priority in her life

anna jones - August 29, 2018 at 10:17 AM

PA

“ Rene was a pioneer in basketball and women's athletics. She should be called Ms. Title 9 because she excelled in the classroom and on the court. She was the epitome of a student athlete. Rest in peace Rene in the big court in the sky.

Patty - August 22, 2018 at 09:20 PM