



Melissa Wigger

March 5, 1956 - April 20, 2012

Melissa (Thompson) Wigger, 56, of Anderson, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Friday, April 20, 2012 in her home surrounded by her family following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born March 5, 1956 in Union City, a daughter of Robert and Larie (Moore) Thompson.

Melissa graduated from Pendleton Heights High School in 1974 and married the love of her life, Steven Wigger, on May 24, 1975. She worked for Jack Gray, CPA in Anderson and Anderson Bank and Trust before serving as the Librarian at Union Bible College in Westfield for several years.

She had a contagious smile and loved and prayed for many people. She served graciously with her husband as they pastored churches in Centerville, In, Bradford, Oh, and Muncie, Cowan and Anderson, In.

In addition to her parents of Pendleton, she is survived by her husband of 36 years, Rev. Steven E. Wigger; four daughters, Christina (husband: Keith) Himelick of Curtisville, Rachel (husband: Micah) Himelick of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Marjorie (husband: Derrick) Lane of Anderson and Elisabeth (husband: Rev. Mark) Heskett of Muncie; four grandchildren, Sharlenae, Logan, Jason and Dane Himelick; a brother, Mark Thompson of Anderson; a sister, Martisha (husband: Duane) Webb of Yorktown; her grandmother, Pearl Thompson of Winchester and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Nolan Thompson and Orus C. and Opal Moore.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at

Memorial Wesleyan Church, 2701 N. Memorial Dr., New Castle with Rev. Rollin L. Mitchell officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Union City Cemetery, 1408 W. Oak St., Union City, IN. Friends may call from 3 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sproles Family Funeral Home, 2400 S. Memorial Dr., New Castle, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ICHA, for Kid's Camp, P.O. Box 2288 Anderson, IN 46018. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Melissa Wigger.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ So sorry to hear this sad news.... I pray for strength and peace for you and your family. God Bless, Cheryl (Austerman)Stump

cheryl Stump - May 02, 2012 at 05:24 PM

MD

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you in the days to come. Howard, Monica, Isaiah and Whitnie Dick

Monica Dick - April 26, 2012 at 11:55 AM

SG

“ Dear Bro. Steve and family,
Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time when there are no adequate words. May you feel HIS arms around you. We know you are comforted in the knowledge of her making it to the other shore.
Love, Steve and Janet

Stephen & Janet Geise - April 25, 2012 at 08:18 PM

DF

“ Bro. Wigger and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. May God comfort your hearts in this time of sorrow. Sis. Wigger was a precious Child of God. She had a contagious smile. I am sure you cherish the many wonderful memories of your many years together. She is safe in the arms of Jesus waiting for all God's children to join her. We have prayed for you and will try to pray for you in the future.
The Dale Stroud Family

Dale Stroud Family - April 25, 2012 at 07:42 PM

SE

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sherlyn Eukovich - April 24, 2012 at 05:16 PM

DF

“ Bro. Wigger and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Have been praying for you and will continue to pray for you in the days ahead. Cherish the many wonderful memories that you hold dear. She is in the arms of Jesus waiting for you to join her in heaven. May God comfort each of you. The Dale Stroud Family

Dale Stroud Family - April 24, 2012 at 03:53 PM

MM

“ Your in our Thoughts and Prayers, May Gods peace be with you all

Mark & Sue (Weiss) Mote - April 24, 2012 at 02:48 PM

SF

“ We love you and are praying for you. May God comfort your hearts during this difficult time.

Steven & Lucy Jackson Family - April 24, 2012 at 01:03 PM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss! She was a joy to be around. Praying for you.

Linda Frausto - April 24, 2012 at 10:37 AM

RJ

“ Bro. Wigger and family, We want you to know that we are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. It is so wonderful to know that God cares about everything we are going through, and we know He will be there to hold you up during this time.

Rev. & Mrs. Eric Jude - April 23, 2012 at 11:22 PM

SH

“ My prayers are you with all during this very hard time in your lives. I wish I could hug each one of you girls. Your mom was a very special lady. I only met her once but she must have made quite an impact on me. I hope to see her in Heaven one day.

Shamara - April 23, 2012 at 06:42 PM

HS

“ Steven and family, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you for the loss of your loved one. I know Melissa is at peace with her heavenly family. I know how much of a void she will leave but faith in God will help you through as it did me when I lost my husband, Robert Flory, 16 years ago. Thinking of all your family, your cousin Harriet (McMillen) Swank

Harriet Swank - April 23, 2012 at 01:16 PM

KL

“ We are so sorry about Sister Wigger; she was such a quiet, beautiful lady with a lovely smile. These past months have strongly spoken to my heart, even more so since she was my age (Linda). Our hearts go out to you. May God's presence be so near to you Brother Wigger ~ and your precious family. Our church has been and will continue to pray for all of you.

Keith & Linda Ledford - April 23, 2012 at 11:56 AM

TJ

“ Thinking of your family during your time of sorrow. God bless you all.

Terry, Sheila & Jaron - April 23, 2012 at 08:39 AM

JM

“ May the God of all comfort carry youu through this difficult time!

Jimmy and Jonna Marsh - April 22, 2012 at 05:48 PM

LM

“ May “the God of all comfort” who said “I will never leave you nor forsake you,” be sensed very near you all in these days, as you press on in your lives and calling, accompanied by The Comforter, and the One who said “And Lo, I am with you always.” They have you surrounded! May the Lord fill your cup...even this mingled cup...with an unspeakable, overflowing, enabling and stabilizing grace and power. Our love and heart-felt feelings to you all in Christ, Lenny and Esther Mancino, ICHA missionaries in London, England.

Lenny and Esther Mancino - April 22, 2012 at 02:53 PM

TF

“ Our prayers are with your family. Sis. Wigger seemed such a happy, uplifting person. My kids remember her fondly from ubc. I lost my mother when I was 30, and it was hard, but God is so loving and there for us always. We send our love and prayers. May God comfort each one of you. Love, Sis. Roark and familyN

The Roark family - April 22, 2012 at 02:43 PM

JH

“I have fought a good fight.” She has finished the race, God is the rewarder of those who.. seek Him! She has obtained her goal, Eternal life with Christ. Our prayers for those who are grieving the loss of loved one.

Jim and Linda Harper - April 22, 2012 at 02:32 PM

FL

“ We are praying for your family. You have our sympathies.

Frances LeClere - April 21, 2012 at 10:39 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss yet comforted in knowing Melissa is now free from pain and rejoicing in heaven!!! So glad we got to see her just seven weeks ago this evening. Her smile was as bright as ever and she was an encouragement to us!! We are praying for all of your family!

Bob and Linda Boynton Bedford - April 21, 2012 at 10:36 PM

RM

“ I remember Melissa as a sweet, beautiful lady with a wonderful smile!

Ruth (Smith) Moulton - April 21, 2012 at 10:04 PM

RW

“ Bro. Wigger,
We want you to know that we are SO SORRY to hear of the passing of your precious wife. She truly was a special lady. Her smile was contagious and she carried her burdens of life with true dignity! Our church, Twin Oaks, has been praying for you all and will continue! Blessings on you as you face the future...just remember, God is already there! Our love and sympathy, Barry, Monica, Parker, & Jordan Whitaker

Rev. Barry & Monica Whitaker - April 21, 2012 at 09:44 PM

RF

“ Dear Bro Steve and family, may the Lord bless you real good in your time of sorrow and loss. Please accept our condolences and love.

Rev Michael and Linda Frausto - April 21, 2012 at 08:36 PM

TD

“ We knew the Wiggers back in 1987 when they came to pastor our church in Bradford, Ohio. We grew to love them dearly. They stayed for ten years. Sis. Wigger has been a blessing to all that she came in contact with, with her ready smile and her laughter. She has been a great example in being a prayer warrior, and what a committed Christian should be. We will be praying for each of you guys daily as I know there will be many “firsts” to come. Love, the Doubledees

Tim & Jean Doubledee - April 21, 2012 at 08:33 PM

AD

“ For as long as I knew Sis. wigger she was such a christian light in my life. I loved the times I were around her she would always brighten your day, always smiling and laughing thats what I remember about Sis. Wigger!! When I would be in study hall at Union Bible Collage she would always be so sweet but try to be strun also. She will be greatly missed,but Im glad she is in no more pain!! Prayers to the family, God bless you guys. you had a wonderful mother:-) Love Amy

Amy Davis - April 21, 2012 at 07:31 PM

PP

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers here at Village Park Bible Methodist church. May the Heavenly Father comfort your hearts in the certainty of Heaven and the reality of Grace!

Pastor John D. Parker - April 21, 2012 at 04:57 PM

MK

“ I am so sorry for your loss but it is for sure heavens gain. I know she will be greatly missed.

Meranda Kelley - April 21, 2012 at 04:31 PM