



## Wilma Cerruti Lucas

June 16, 1936 - June 30, 2017

Wilma Cerruti Lucas, age 81, passed away Friday, June 30, 2017 at MUSC Hospital, Charleston.

Wilma, born in Queens, New York City, was a devoted daughter of the late Antonio and Lillian Julio Cerruti. She was a graduate of Roslindale High School in Roslindale, MA; she received her Bachelor's Degree from Emmanuel College and her Master's Degree from Northeastern University, both located in Boston, MA. She was a lifetime learner who took many classes at Coastal Carolina University. Wilma was curious, loquacious, and had a keen sense of justice led by her faith. She was a lifelong Catholic and a current member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Charleston, SC. She had been a very active parishioner at St. James Catholic Church in Conway for over 45 years. Among her many activities at St. James were: Ladies Guild President, Children's Liturgies, Eucharistic Minister, Prison Ministry, English as a Second Language volunteer, and Catholic Charities. She was a longtime Sunday School teacher and with Mrs. Frances Smith. Wilma was a two-time Pee Dee Deanery Catholic Woman of the Year. Wilma taught in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Exxon Corporation's School for Overseas Dependents in Libya and Aruba, Cumberland County Public Schools, and Horry County Public Schools. She retired from Waccamaw Elementary, where she was twice named Teacher of the Year. As an educator, she was referred to as "lovingly challenging." She was a proud member of Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, an international educator's fraternity. Wilma was an

avid traveler and had travelled, taught, and completed mission work on six continents. She was also active in the Horry County League of Woman Voters. Surviving family and friends, whom she enjoyed and loved, are her daughter and son-in-law Susan Antonia and Nikhil Lucas Kamat of Albuquerque, NM; son Robert Andrew Lucas of Charleston, SC; brother Dario Cerruti of Randolph, MA; nieces and nephews Sheri Cerruti, Michael Cerruti, Helayne Cerruti-Dick, Michelle Cerruti, and their families of Boston, MA; cousin-in-law Rita Julio and her family of Foxboro, MA, and numerous godchildren. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, July 6, 2017 at The Catholic Church of St. James with Reverend Timothy M. Lijewski officiating. Inurnment will follow at the church columbarium. Family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wednesday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with a Rosary being recited at 6:30 PM. Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church Building Fund, 1071 Academy Drive Conway, SC 29526 or Emmanuel College Antonio Cerruti Scholars, 400 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Catholic Church Columbarium

1071 Academy Drive  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 248-4211  
[info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Mass

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church  
1071 Academy Drive  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.stjamesconway.org/>

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ I met Wilma just a year ago at "Women of the Word" bible study group. She was a great contributor to our group and will be very missed. We last saw her June 26.

*I personally have never met a soul who had studied Catholicism so intensely and could respond to our questions with light and love. I never missed a chance to sit with her or chat whenever I saw her at Blessed Sacrament. She often spoke of her early days at St James Parish when there weren't many other Catholic families around.*

*What a special soul! I will truly miss her. I pray she rests in piece and that the Lord bring His comfort to her family and friends.*

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**Katie Guinee** - July 08, 2017 at 03:31 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prays are with you all. Carol Nevers-Bernier



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**carol** - July 06, 2017 at 09:06 PM

JJ

“ Dear Robert and the Lucas Family,

*On behalf of the College of Charleston Physical Plant, I wish to share our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the sudden loss of your mother. Robert, her son, works with us at the College and he often talked about his mother. Joy and I had the pleasure of meeting her at the Christmas Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Charleston last year. I often told Robert, I wanted to have lunch with this wonderful, diverse and talented Catholic lady. However, I know her Spirit is shining through Robert. Therefore, please accept the forthcoming donation to your parish in memorial to Mrs. Wilma and the Lucas family.*

*Sincerely,*

*John and Joy Cordray  
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Charleston, SC 20412  
843-795-5907*

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College of Charleston  
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Charleston, SC 29401  
843-953-8259 (direct)*

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**John A. Cordray, Jr** - July 06, 2017 at 06:59 AM

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“ *"Cada uno tiene el suyo" translates into "Each person has his own special something". Wilma Lucas valued individuals that way. Wise, compassionate, a champion for others, Wilma lived life with a unique view. May the angels carry her into Paradise.*

*Kathleen DiMarino  
Parishioner at St. James*

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**Kathleen DiMarino** - July 05, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilma Cerruti Lucas.*

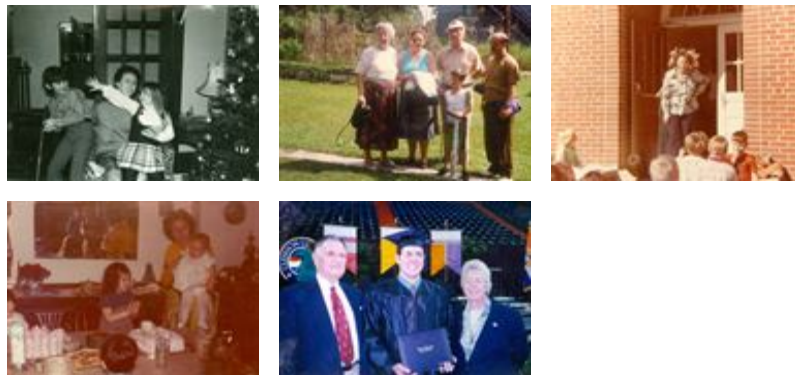


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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - July 04, 2017 at 10:28 AM

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“ Susan, Nikkil and Robert. I am sure you do know how much I loved your mother. What you may not know is just how special she was to me. She was an infinite tower of support to me as a woman, daughter, wife and mother. Recently, we shared stories of caretaking since I am now caring for my mother. She never failed to give me insight of my mother's early life, or of the challenges and patience we must have to conquer the what life throws at us. She will always be my strength, but now from heaven as my angel.

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**debra quigley** - July 04, 2017 at 10:15 AM