



Susan Wilkinson

March 3, 1978 - March 3, 2008

MILWAUKEE - Susan Lin Wilkinson, 30, of Milwaukee, formerly of Kingsford, died Monday, March 3, 2008, at her home following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Koh Young Mee on Feb. 5, 1978, in Seoul, Korea, and became the beloved daughter of John and Ruth (Peterson) Wilkinson on Sept. 21, 1978. She grew up in Kingsford and graduated from the Kingsford High School in 1996. For the past five years, SuLin lived in the Milwaukee area. She loved music and played piano for many high school functions and church activities. She was a very accomplished musician. SuLin was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her parents, John and Ruth Wilkinson; her fiance', Nick Lehto of Milwaukee; one brother, Timothy "T.J." Wilkinson who is attending college; her maternal grandfather, Quentin Peterson of Kingsford; her paternal grandmother, Margaret Newkirk of Mayville, Mich.; three aunts, Karol Peterson of Kalamazoo, Mich., Jackie Doll of Kitchener, Ont., and Sally Stevens of Columbus, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Esther Peterson.

Visitation was held today from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Our Saviour's

Lutheran Church.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen officiated.

Burial was held in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in her memory.

Condolences to the family of SuLin Wilkinson may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MI

“ To Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson and TJ, this may seem very belated, and I don't know if you will receive this note, but I just today found out about SuLin's passing. She and I lost touch, but she was a good friend. I just tried looking her up tonight, and found this obituary. Right now I'm remembering taking her dancing and sneaking mint chocolate chip ice cream to her in the hospital. Know that she is remembered as a talented, intelligent, and beautiful woman with a smile and laugh that lit up a room. I am so sad that my friend is no longer here to talk to. She is a person I will never forget. You have my deepest sympathies.

Michael - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I was shocked to hear about SuLin. She looked so happy and free just a few months back. I can't imagine growing up without her in my life. She taught me a lot and kept Debbie and I inline. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sarah Bushie (Smith) - March 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so devastated to hear about SuLin. She played at almost every single one of my concert chorale performances and chorous I & II performances until Ernie took over. She would even come down on Spring Break to play for us sometimes. My heart goes out to you in your time of grief.

Liz Young Black - March 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ My heart goes out to all of you. I was very sad to hear about SuLin. She was such a loving and dear friend growing up. She always had that beautiful smile on her face. She will be missed by many. May God comfort you through this difficult time.

Beth(Underhill) VanDenElzen - March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Ruthie, John and T.J. My deepest sympathies to you and family. I remember when you brought SuLin home and what a beautiful child who grew into a beautiful talented young woman. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dorothy Ferguson - March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and T.J.- I was so saddened to hear of SuLin's passing today, words truly can't express the emotions and memories that flood into my mind thinking about growing up together on Cass Ave. She was such an amazingly accomplished pianist and I remember hearing her fingers effortlessly flying off the keys out my window during the summer. She had a passion for life and music that I will always remember with a smile. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. ~Teresa Ferguson

Teresa Ferguson Victor - March 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear, Mr & Mrs. Wikinson and TJ
I am so sorry to hear about SuLin. I went to high school with her. I am so blessed that she has touched my life and others. May God bless you all. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Nikki (Bigari) Smith - March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember SuLin fondly. She was so happy and very talented. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer (Stopczynski) Redfearn - March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I have so many memories with SuLin and TJ growing up. Especially with music, I remember sitting in your living room singing and practicing away. SuLin was a great, energetic, caring woman and I will cherish her presence in my life.

May peace, love and strength be with you all. Thank you for the gift of her friendship, you are a great family.

With our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

The Smoot Family

Liz Smoot - March 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ You may not remember me but I remember SuLin. Our family lived in Kingsford for a number of years and one of our sons was in High School with SuLin for a time. She was a sweetie and came to our church to play for our youth as an accompanist. She was marvelous. I also remember her sitting with me during some basketball games and sharing "girl talk" with me. I am sure you will miss her very much and I am so sorry for your loss.

Leslie Louthain - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Ruth, John, and TJ, I am so for your lose. I watched SuLin and TJ grow up through the church. You have two beautiful children and SuLin will be in your hearts and with you in spirit thru God. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus comfort you at this time. I believe she is with God, in a peaceful place. Love to you and Blessings be with you. Kathy Young and Mona Powell

kathy young and mona powell - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Cast all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (1 Peter 5:7) May you receive God's comfort in this time. We are covering your family with prayer.

Evangelical Covenant Church of Norway - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ I started teaching at Kingsford High School after Sulin had already graduated but was privileged to know her for a short while. Sulin gave lessons to my daughters (Kiersten and Julia) years ago and her talent will live on in what she taught them. Kiersten has graduated but Julia will play a Class A solo this year in April.

Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. Sulin was a beautiful, talented young lady and will be sorely missed on this earth. I'm sure, though, that she has already found the baby grand in Heaven and is playing a beautiful composition. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Emily Ritsema - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I fondly remember Sulin from High School and remember her smile more than anything. It was the sort of smile that would light up a room. It's been several years since I've seen Sulin but the memory of her smile stays with me and always will. She was such a beautiful, talented woman. My prayers are with your family in this time of sorrow. May God bless you all with the strength and understanding to make it through each day. All our best.

Genevieve (McIntyre) Angeloff - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ John, Ruthie, and TJ -- You have my family's deepest sympathy during what must be one of the most trying of times. You will be in our thoughts often during the next few weeks. Bless you.

Dennis Lynch & Family

Dennis Lynch - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ My deepest condolences. Its very sad that this should happen to such a beautiful family. I've met few people whose enthusiasm and passion for life could match hers. May she rest in peace.

Andy Kasten - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I remember SuLin from high school, she was the sweetest person. I haven't seen her for many years but she will be missed greatly. My heart goes out to your family in this most difficult time.

Sara (Schoen) Horwitz - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson and TJ...Words do not express the sadness felt when I learned of SuLin's passing. I had the greatest of times at K.H.S. and she is very much a part of making it so. There are so many things that come to mind while writing this, but suffice it to say that her impact on this world will always be felt. May the music continue to carry us all... and may your hearts mend and memories stay strong -

Fred Martinez - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ I was deeply saddened to read about the passing of SuLin in the paper. I went to school with her and it has been a few years since I have seen her. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you turn to God in this time of sorrow and ask for his strength and compassion to help get you through this difficult time. My sympathies are with you all...

Angela (Bargo) Adam - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Ruth & John,
How I remember the happiness when you brought SuLin home.
Remember the beautiful doll that looked just like her?
And, what an absolutely lovely talented and gracious young lady she became.
What a Blessing she was in your life and you in hers.
My heart is breaking for you. David joins me in sending our deepest sympathy and prayers.
Love, Elsa

Elsa Brule - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and T.J. - I just want to send my deepest symphathies...I'm so glad I got to spend time with SuLin when she was living in Milwaukee, she was happy and when we hung out had a lot of fun! SuLin always lived life with her heart which I admired and will greatly miss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

Sarah Stockel (Karle) - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Mr. & Mrs. Wiliknson & TJ, I'm so sorry to hear about SuLin. I lost touch with her a couple years after highscool, and am so sad that I won't have the chance to strike that friendship back up. The world lost a compassionate, loving and talented woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

God Bless

Carlana (Seep-Gaither) Johnson - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Oh my...I am deeply sorrow for your loss and my heart goes out to all who knew her during this very difficult time. Although it has been many years since I have seen SuLin, I feel so privledged to have known her. I pray that the concern and sympathy of those who care, help you through this difficult time.

Kirstin (Reed) Nalette - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson and TJ, I am so sorry to hear about SuLin. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Jennifer (Stolarski) Anderson - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *John and Family - George and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless you all.*

Carla Anderson - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Ruthie and John: Herb and I know and feel your pain. The loss of a child is a tragedy that no parent should ever have to endure. Please know that Herb and I and all of your family and friends at Our Saviour's are praying for you both for strength and peace during this very traumatic time - you have our love, our prayers and our deepest sympathy.*

*Your friends in Christ,
Herb & Bobbie Samme
Very Proud Parents of
LCpl Eric A. Palmisano, USMC
KIA Iraq 4.2.06*

Herb & Bobbie Samme - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *TJ, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson-
I am so sorry to hear about SuLin. I was just devastated when I found out. I have alot of memories of her, especially when she would babysit for me, she will be greatly missed by everyone who loved her! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Emily Cocking - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. John Wilkinson & T.J.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of SuLin. She was a good person whom I met at church when we were younger. My thoughts and prayers are with you both in your time of grief. My God bless you all. You are all in my prayers.

Pam(Parsons)Dupuis

Pam (Parsons) Dupuis - March 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson and TJ,

I am so sorry to hear about SuLin. I feel just terrible. I have known her since I was in Kindegarten, and she has made a point to keep in touch with me through this year. I have 24 years of memories, and she will never be forgotten. She was a carefree girl full of talent, compassion, and love. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she has touched. Your family and SuLin are in my prayers.

Sarah Berquist - March 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM