



## Lidia M. Wallace

February 14, 1951 - February 1, 2023

Lidia M. Wallace of Forrest City, Arkansas departed this life on February 1, 2023. She was two weeks shy of her 72nd Valentine's birthday. Lidia was born in the Bronx, New York City to a pair of Italian immigrants. She attended Catholic school and college in New York City where she studied to become a translator for the United Nations. Lidia was fluent in Italian, English, Spanish and French.

While visiting family in Italy after college graduation, she met her husband to be, Calvin. Calvin was an airman stationed at the Air Force base in Aviano, Italy. His car had broken down on the side of the road and Lidia had stopped to help, a moment that defined what would become a lifetime of the most pure, true, and honest love. Lidia returned to New York City to begin her career as a high school teacher while waiting for Calvin's discharge from the air force. The rest is history.

The two married and settled in the backwoods of St. Francis County, Arkansas where Calvin had grown up. Her life continued to be full of enriching adventures teaching countless students over her 45 year career, primarily at Parkin and Harrisburg High Schools. She taught English, Italian, Spanish, gifted and talented, and a brief lesson in mathematics. She was most passionate in teaching foreign language and was the only Italian teacher in the state of Arkansas.

During their 47 years of marriage, Lidia and Calvin welcomed two daughters, Erica and Jessica. After retiring from teaching, Lidia started the most

rewarding role of her life, that of Nonna. She was Nonna to Lilly, Wallace, Abigail and Levi. Her love of them was apparent with every fiber of her being. She thrived on making things special for them. She gave her all each and every day of her life, no matter how much life and physical age tried to slow her down. She was an accomplished artist, exquisite cook, avid indoor gardener, and world traveler. Her life stories enthralled generations of students and inspired future teachers. Now her life on earth has ended, but her legacy lives on in the lives of her former students, her children, and her grandchildren. Vive Bene! Spesso l'amore! Di risata molto!

Visitation will be held at Stevens Funeral Home in Forrest City, Arkansas, Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 1 pm with funeral to follow at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, a scholarship is being set up at Harrisburg High School for senior students wanting to pursue a career in education. Please contact Harrisburg High School at (870) 578-2417 for information. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
[info@stevensfuneralhome.net](mailto:info@stevensfuneralhome.net)  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
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## Interment

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FEB 4 (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Tribute Wall

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“ This beautiful lady was such a blessing to me when I began as librarian at HHS. She stopped by daily to enthrall me with stories and funny witticisms to get me through my day. I think of her often in the afternoon having a strong cup of coffee to make it through her afternoon. I remember the dozens of filing cabinets she had Calvin load up when she retired. We will miss her. Prayers and blessings on her family. Anita Kay Toney, LMS, ret.

Anita K Toney - February 04, 2023 at 11:26 AM

LK

“ Love Debbie; Shelby; Amanda; & Krista purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lidia M. Wallace.



Love Debbie; Shelby; Amanda; & Krista - February 03, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lidia M. Wallace.



February 03, 2023 at 03:12 PM

LG

“ Love Loretta, Elliot and Gabby purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lidia M. Wallace.



Love Loretta, Elliot and Gabby - February 02, 2023 at 09:42 PM

KD

“ Kitty, Connie, and Don purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Lidia M. Wallace.



Kitty, Connie, and Don - February 02, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lidia M. Wallace.



February 02, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lidia M. Wallace.



February 02, 2023 at 12:17 PM