



Katherine Young Wilson

March 8, 1953 - January 19, 2023

Katherine Young Wilson, age 69, passed away near her home in Edwards, Colorado on January 19, 2023 after battling injuries from a car accident.

She was born March 8, 1953, in Lake Forest, Illinois to Robert and Louise Wilson, where she grew up in a loving family, along with her adored grandmother, Sarah Cameron Young, “Gaga”, who lived with Katherine most of her childhood.

Katherine attended schools on the east coast, European Alps, Oregon, and the Washington coast, where she loved to explore villages and towns, as well as skiing and hiking in the mountains.

She went on to receive her master’s degree at the Art Institute of Chicago and at Northwestern University where Katherine developed an appreciation and love for art and art history.

Katherine was an amazing artist. She loved all mediums of art including painting, drawing, etching, pottery, jewelry making and leather work. One of her other passions was a love for ancient music. Many wonderful times were spent listening to classical, Irish, Scottish, and Gaelic music.

Katherine shared her love and knowledge of art by teaching at the Art Institute of Chicago where she met lifelong friends and became a mentor to many.

When Katherine wasn't teaching art, she was teaching skiing, alpine as well as telemark, for Vail Ski School in Colorado, achieving Professional Ski Instructors of America Level III Certification. She enjoyed her ski clients tremendously and loved to talk about their many successful skiing experiences and entertaining adventures they had together. Her patience, skiing ability, and expertise were admired by many. Katherine surrounded herself with wonderful colleagues and friends during her 40 years in Vail and Edwards, Colorado, and spent many hours exploring the world of antiques.

Katherine will be missed by her mother, Louise Wilson; her siblings, Sarah Wilson (Francis) Monaco and Heggie (Julie) Wilson; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, cousins and their families.

A private family interment will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Katherine's name may be made to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 36 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603 or online at www.saic.edu/give

Interment will be private. For information – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ December 3, 2022 Katherine Wilson & Rita Thompson at World Cup Alpine Ski Races in Beaver Creek, CO.



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“ Sending caring thoughts and sympathy to family and friends of Katherine Wilson. I met Katherine 31 years ago in November 1992 in the Vail Ski School Locker Room, and we have been really good friends ever since, with many experiences working together as ski instructors and skiing. Over these many years, we have supported each other through thick and thin, Katherine was always so willing to help. We attended World Cup Ski Races, most recently December 3, 2022 in Beaver Creek. We had a memorable evening on Pepi's Face when Vail Ski School held flares to form a corridor for the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay. Often celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring, many trips to Glenwood Hot Springs, and always celebrated our March birthdays together. I know Katherine thrived on sharing her experiences, helping her friends, and teaching art and skiing. She gave me a packet of tissues, and I recently noticed, to my surprise, they are covered with drawings of tiny snow angels! You know those spinning snowy whirlwinds you sometimes see on the ski slopes, some say they are departed ski instructors, returning as snow angels. If you see one, think of Katherine! I loved having Katherine as a friend. I miss her, but she will live in my heart forever, I think of her in the stars, frolicking as a snow angel in sparkly spinning snowflakes, in eternal bliss and peace! from Rita Thompson, Vail, CO



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