



## Nanda Kae Wilbourn

February 3, 1955 - July 24, 2019

Nanda Kae Dozier Wilbourn, 64, of Brownwood, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Nanda was born Thursday, February 3, 1955 to Brooks and Faye Hill Dozier in Angleton, Texas. She graduated from MacArthur high school in Irving, Texas. Nanda attended Texas Tech University and Sul Ross State where she received a Bachelor's of Science degree. She received her Master's in Education from Stephen F. Austin. Nanda married Joey Wilbourn April 23, 1994 and began a life together that blessed them with 2 sons. Nanda was the Principal at East Elementary for Brownwood ISD. She loved being a Principal. She grew up in a school environment. Her father, Brooks Dozier, was a high school math teacher and basketball coach. When she was a little girl she often traveled on the bus with her dad and his team. The players loved to tie her ponytail (or pigtails) to the back of the bus seat. Her mother, Faye, was an elementary school teacher. Nanda spent countless hours helping her mother with preparations in her classroom. Her family often said she "inherited" the teaching profession. She was born into a family of music lovers, too. Nanda was chosen to sing in the All-State choir in high school. After completing college, she spent a year traveling the southern states doing concerts in churches and led conferences. Sharing her faith was important to her. She valued authenticity. Her life revolved around her home, church and school. She loved having people in her home and was a marvelous cook.

Written by her son Caleb:

Nanda carried herself with a powerful grace. When you looked into her blue eyes, you would see more love reflected back at you than you were ever capable of giving yourself. She chose daily to put the needs of others before her own. The type of people who will sacrifice their energy and time, day in and day out for the benefit of others are few and far between, but Nanda knew nothing else. Her life was one of boundless servitude and unconditional love. From being the coach's daughter to the elementary school principal, she was a shining light of all that was right with the world. Simply being in her presence would give you the hope of a better tomorrow. If every community had a Nanda the world would be a better place. There are volumes that could be written about the good that she

was, but if you truly want to live in remembrance of her simply give everyone the love that they deserve. She could see the hurt that each of us carried and did her best to fix it. Do as she did and leave the world around you a better place than you found it.

Nanda is survived by her beloved husband, Joey Wilbourn of Brownwood; 2 sons, Caleb Wilbourn of Donner Summit, California and Joshua Wilbourn of Dallas; her mother, Faye Dozier Jarvis of Brownwood; brother, Brooks Dozier III of Austin; sister, Jo Latino of Austin; mother-in-law, Anna Wilbourn of Wills Point; nephew Drex Holt of Brownwood; many students, colleagues and friends.

Nanda was preceded in death by her father, Brooks Dozier; father-in-law, Jimmie Wilbourn; brother-in-law, Anthony Latino; her aunt, Alice "Aunt sister" Worley.

A scholarship at Howard Payne University has been created in memory of Nanda. Her family requests that donations be made to this scholarship in lieu of flowers. The scholarship will assist students pursuing teaching and/or coaching degrees.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund is asked to contact HPU's Office of Institutional Advancement at 325-649-8006 or visit [www.hputx.edu/give](http://www.hputx.edu/give). When giving online, under the "Designation" heading, please select "Other" and type "Nanda Wilbourn memorial scholarship." Gifts by mail can be sent to: Office of Institutional Advancement, Howard Payne University, P.O. Box 2369, Brownwood, TX 76804. The office is located at 803 Center Avenue in Brownwood.

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Heartland Funeral & Cremation Service** - July 31, 2019 at 02:32 PM

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“ Mrs. Wilbourn, was a great Assistant Principal at Northwest Elementary in Brownwood, Texas in 2003 she made every student's day and she was a great person to be around she now how to make you happy when you were having a bad day she was a loving person and also a great wife to her husband and also a great mother to her children, she was someone you could go talk to when you were having a bad and she new how to make it better..... Love you Mrs. Wilbourn miss you very much, may you rest in peace we will all see you again one day in heaven, keep witching over us you beautiful Angel.....

**Courtnee Glasscock** - August 31, 2019 at 11:11 PM

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“ Darla Ann Sweetman sent a virtual gift in memory of Nanda Kae Wilbourn



**Darla Ann Sweetman** - August 02, 2019 at 03:21 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of our time at Midtown with Joey and Nanda. Words are inadequate to describe our love for them. Nancy and Dennis Schraer

**Nancy and Dennis Schraer** - August 01, 2019 at 05:50 PM

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“ My Son went to East Elementary, I recall seeing her every morning greeting the kids at the door as they came to school, that impressed me. What nice a nice kind lady! Sorry to the family for your loss.

The Clarks ( Curt, May and Colton)

**Curt** - August 01, 2019 at 10:12 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



August 01, 2019 at 08:45 AM

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“ I was close to and spent a lot of time with Nanda and her sister Jo when we were in high school. Nanda's light shone very bright even then. We went to many basketball games and had hours of fun and laughter eating fire stick candy while driving around in my red VW. She has a permanent place in my heart and memory. Although I was not in contact with her as an adult, I had recently reconnected with her via Facebook and enjoyed seeing the beautiful and effervescent woman she became, which is no surprise given her family of origin and her talent and grace. And what a beautiful, fun-loving family she created. I know her heart spilled over with joy and pride.

I was so sad to learn that her light is no longer shining on this earth. I hope Jo and the entire family are comforted by Nanda's boundless love and compassion. I'm holding you all in my heart. Praise be to God for the life of Nanda Dozier Wilbourn.

Anita Petree Morris  
Dallas, TX

**Anita Petree Morris** - July 31, 2019 at 06:10 PM

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“ I was looking through my old journals where I collected quotes from Sunday School, and here are some quotes I took from Nanda that shaped my life:

"And guys, don't be one of those Christians that nauseates people." -Sept. 10, 2006

"We equate God with humans who were supposed to protect us and care for us and haven't." Jan. 21, 2007

"Let the weight of who you are fall. And let them deal with it." 2006

"Quit being offended by the world." October 22, 2006

"I look around in this room, and I really hope you guys live unsettling lives." - Feb. 25, 2007

She said such truths at a time i desperately needed to hear truth. She led by example. She was authentic, vulnerable and unapologetic about being so. She was easy to love. Love was like an aura she existed with. We were all lucky to have been witness to her. We were lucky to have been loved by her.

Stacy Bailey Howard Payne Graduate 2008, Midtown Church member 2004-2008

**Stacy Bailey** - July 31, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ Julie and Stacy Bailey - Vazquez purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



**Julie and Stacy Bailey - Vazquez** - July 31, 2019 at 01:58 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



July 31, 2019 at 08:06 AM

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“ Finished with her earthly journey before we were ready to let her go, leaving a huge void in SO many lives. But leaving a legacy that will never be forgotten. Confident she was met in her eternal home with...well done my good and faithful servant! Our faith lets us know we will meet again.

**Amy Adams** - July 30, 2019 at 03:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



July 30, 2019 at 11:07 AM

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“ THIS WOMAN WAS A FORCE! Pure sunshine, Endless compassion, Kindness and caring like a Saint! She took care of everyone because her HEART had the capacity of all the oceans in the world. Though her physical presence will no longer grace our days, let us bask in all the amazing memories we had with her. Fly High Nanda! We'll see you when we get our wings!

**Brad Anderson** - July 30, 2019 at 08:20 AM

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“ Marianne Bartley Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Nanda Kae Wilbourn



**Marianne Bartley Lockwood** - July 29, 2019 at 10:19 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



July 29, 2019 at 09:10 AM

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“ You always felt special when Nanda was around. We did not know each other very well but she made me feel like a close friend each time I saw her. Her big smile and sweet spirit were genuine and will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family and friends.

**Jessica Benson** - July 29, 2019 at 12:52 AM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



July 28, 2019 at 11:20 PM

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“ Diane Rainey lit a candle in memory of Nanda Kae Wilbourn



**Diane Rainey** - July 28, 2019 at 11:22 AM

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“ Brandy Smith lit a candle in memory of Nanda Kae Wilbourn



**Brandy Smith** - July 28, 2019 at 10:41 AM

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“ Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Nanda Kae Wilbourn



Chris Young - July 28, 2019 at 04:26 AM

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“ Kathy Hammonds lit a candle in memory of Nanda Kae Wilbourn



Kathy Hammonds - July 28, 2019 at 02:49 AM

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“ Nanda was a very precious and beautiful lady, inside and out. I worked with her at Northwest Elementary many years ago before moving to Dallas. My mom read of her passing in the newspaper yesterday and texted me to let me know. She knew how fondly i always spoke of her. What a dear soul she truly was, and such a blessing to all who knew and loved her. My deepest condolences to her family and close friends back home.

Tamara Reeves

Tamara Reeves - July 27, 2019 at 07:23 PM

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“ A GREAT Woman and classmate....From a wonderful family....She will be missed, but had a great impact on a lot of lives now and forever...Can't beat that .....Will remember her ..... and I am sure she will have many assignment in the future...

William Hastreiter - July 27, 2019 at 05:08 PM

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“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Nanda Kae Wilbourn.



July 27, 2019 at 01:21 PM

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“ Nanda was the most kind hearted woman I know. She made it a point to learn every child's name in her school. Also most all parents. She greeted her kids everyday in the cold, hot, raining weather with a smile and a big hug. She helped our family many times. Helping our foster kids transition into a new school. We will never forget what a great Christian influence you were to our lives.

**Tira Burkett** - July 27, 2019 at 12:54 PM

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“ Every memory I have of Nanda brings me joy and inspiration because she truly lived out of the overflow of what Jesus was in her life. Everyone she touched experienced the power of His grace, compassion, and love. I rejoice that she is with the Savior she so deeply loved and so faithfully served.  
Vicki Vaughn

**Vicki Vaughn** - July 27, 2019 at 08:43 AM