



## Wanda A. Battas

May 13, 1934 - January 1, 2021

Wanda A. Battas,

Wife and mother of two, passed peacefully in her home on January 1, 2021.

Wanda was born May 13, 1934 in Muncie, Indiana. She graduated from Muncie Central High School, Class of 1952, and then attended Indiana Business College. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, David A. Battas; and her two boys, David M. (63) and Gregory S. (57) Battas.

Wanda was employed and met her husband at the Ski-Hi Drive-in Theatre. She then moved on to bookkeeping at Knapp Supply and NAPA in Muncie. She & David also owned and operated several movie theaters in Indiana including: The Rivoli Theatre, Muncie; The Strand Theatre, Muncie; The Pickwick Theatre, Syracuse; The Sky-Vue Drive-in Theatre, New Castle; and The Castle Theatre, New Castle.

Early in her days at the Rivoli, she was dissatisfied with her concession supplier. She then began purchasing her supplies directly from the manufacturers. Soon, many other cinemas wanted to buy their supplies from her as well. This was the beginning of W-G Vending (Wanda & Greg). In 1980, W-G Vending became Indiana Concession Supply, and today is still supplying movie theatres in the Midwest (operated by David M.)

The family moved to Indianapolis in 1968, and would commute to other cities to operate movie theatres. Wanda spent a great deal of time painting & renovating the cinemas that the family managed. In her spare time, Wanda had a great love of flowers and landscaping. Her green-thumb was evident on

the grounds of their home. She also greatly enjoyed hosting festive holiday gatherings for her beloved family. Wanda was also a concerned caregiver to many friends & family. She was literally a life-line to many.

Wanda was the second eldest of seven children. She was preceded in death by her parents, Austin & Lucinda Collins; and siblings, Helen Dickleman, Marvin, Frank & Martha Collins. She is survived by her sister, Bonita Guy; and brother, Ray Collins.

There will be a private service for family members only.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ I saw Wanda's obit in the Indianapolis Star paper and realized I needed to comment. I did not know Wanda but I did work at the Rivoli Theatre from 1967-1970. I have some incredible memories of the Rivoli. We ate too much popcorn...but met some wonderful friends and saw some wonderful movies. I am so sorry for your loss but wanted to thank the family for their support of the Rivoli... it is a time lost ... not the same as the theatres today. I went to Muncie Central and we had pep rallies there...it's a wonder we didn't bring down the rafters. Blessings to your families. Kathleen Finnegan Halleck

Kathleen Halleck - January 09, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Wanda A. Battas.



January 07, 2021 at 12:17 PM

NJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of Wanda's passing. May her memory be eternal. Our condolences go out to the Battas family.  
With care,  
Nicholas Joyner  
Bess Joyner



Nicholas C Joyner - January 07, 2021 at 12:08 PM

DM

“ Hello, I worked at the Rivoli Theatre from 1971-1976 and I know from my many interactions with Mrs. Battas that she loved her family very, very much. I am sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers. Dee Morris

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**Dee Morris** - January 07, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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“ Kenny DeHart lit a candle in memory of Wanda A. Battas



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**Kenny DeHart** - January 05, 2021 at 06:35 PM

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“ Allen Strahl lit a candle in memory of Wanda A. Battas



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**Allen Strahl** - January 05, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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“ Wanda A. Battas

*Wanda was a special lady. She hired me the Spring of 1974 to sell tickets at their Rivoli Theater where I met the love of my life, her son Dave. After college we married and took over her thriving theater concession business she founded which we are still running 40 years later. From Wanda I learned many invaluable life lessons which ranged from how to be a good, dependable worker, how to manage a business including figures & employees, how to organize, paint & clean as well as how to nurture & support a beloved husband & family. During our shared years together, she influenced me & inspired me greatly. Knowing her was a “Wanda-ful” blessing. It has been a gift that keeps going/giving... or as we like to say in show biz, “the show must go on!” For I believe the treasures I received from knowing her will go on forever. I will cherish her memories, attempt to display her love for family and pray to continue her legacy. God bless you Wanda Alice Battas. May you Rest In Peace & rejoice in the Love! “You did good!” Alice Ann Battas*

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**Alice Battas** - January 04, 2021 at 10:20 PM

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“ Alice Battas lit a candle in memory of Wanda A. Battas



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**Alice Battas** - January 04, 2021 at 09:54 PM