



## Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden

July 2, 2014

Bland-Pruden, Wilma Jean age 64 of Teaneck formerly of Red Bank, NJ died Wednesday, July 2, 2014. Beloved wife of Dr. James N. Pruden. Devoted mother of James N. Pruden, Jr. and his wife Yvette, Dr. Carla Pruden and her husband Robert Wilson, III, William Pruden, and Christopher Pruden and caregiver for Nike. Loving grandmother of Damien, Donovan, and Kiara.

Wilma was predeceased by her sister Doris Daniels and is survived by her sisters Katherine Wilson-Byers, and Ayesha Sumchai . Besides her devotion to her family, Wilma was dedicated to St. Mark's Episcopal church serving in positions including Treasurer, Warden, and Vestry person. Wilma was pleased to give generously of her time. . Her commitment to education was evident in her active involvement with the Teaneck public school system. Wilma was also active in Deutsches Haus at NYU, an institution of culture and language for the German-speaking world. Family and friends are invited to visit

Saturday and Sunday 3-5PM and 7-9PM at the Volk Leber Funeral Home. 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck. A funeral service celebrating Wilma's life will be held on Monday at 11AM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Teaneck. In lieu of flowers donations in her name to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 118 Chadwick Rd., Teaneck are appreciated by the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
118 Chadwick Rd.  
Teaneck, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 04, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

CD

“ Dear Dr. Pruden and family,

*I am sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife. I only met you once at my first meeting for Crisis of Standards Work Group and saw how fondly you spoke of your wife. Sending healing prayers full of love and blessings during this trying time for you and your family...*

*Warm regards,*

*Dr. Connie Domingo*

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**Connie Domingo** - July 10, 2014 at 09:28 PM

NA

“ You were so Kind to my mother and every Friday you both did German lessons together. Going to Germany with her was the best gift you ever could have given her .... Except for your Friendship there was nothing more you could have given!! Thank you !!! You will be missed Dearly!!!!!!!  
*Nancy Sailer Haessler*



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**Nancy** - July 07, 2014 at 07:06 PM

PJ

“ Dear Dr. Pruden and family,

*Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of Wilma.*

*I first met Wilma in my German classes at Deutsches Haus - NYU back in 2011. Since then we spent many hours together in our weekly literature classes with Regula as our instructor, and with each passing semester we all got to know each other very well. We became a family, so to speak, and Wilma was a cornerstone in this family. The enthusiasm she brought to our readings and discussions was contagious, and the vibrancy of her personality and the kindness she displayed to everyone in the classes and reading clubs at Deutsches Haus are irreplaceable.*

*My thoughts are with you all,*

*Peter Jaskierny  
Brooklyn, NY*

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**Peter A. Jaskierny** - July 07, 2014 at 08:17 AM

 Karen  
McGee

“ *My cousin Wilma. Her father William (Bill) Bland is my Mother's (Vernice O. Bland McGee) brother. Although I am the youngest daughter of Vernice, I fondly remember Wilma. Her smile would light up a room. You will be missed Wilma as you now have joined those who have gone on before us. God bless and comfort the family knowing that we will see you again.*

*Lovingly submitted,*

*Karen (McGee) Credle*

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**Karen McGee** - July 06, 2014 at 10:31 PM

KS

“ Dear Dr. Pruden and family, We are so sorry for your loss, I had just seen Wilma about 2 weeks ago in 7-11 and she, as always, looked great. Our daughter Kayla said your wife always made her feel so good and Kayla really loved her. She will be sorely missed. The Thomas Family

Kathy Sperber-Thomas - July 06, 2014 at 12:34 PM

AN

“ Anita lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden



Anita - July 06, 2014 at 11:44 AM

PC

“ To Dr. Pruden and Family - The Staff at Passaic County Department of Health extends their deepest sympathy to you at this difficult time.

PCDH - July 06, 2014 at 11:34 AM

CG

“ To Dr. Pruden and Family - Heartfelt sympathy to you and yours at this time. May God continue to guide you as you continue your journey in this time and place, without your loved one. Remember the joys that you shared as you celebrated life for all these years, and hold fast to those memories that defined your lives together.  
In Prayer,  
The Gungil Family

C. Gungil - July 06, 2014 at 11:31 AM

RP

“ *Dr. Pruden and Family*

*I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Wilma Pruden. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Wilma was the first ESL teacher in the ABE Program at SPCDC. She was dedicated and well-liked by her students and colleagues.*

*My sincere sympathy.*

*Rudy Paiva*

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**Rudy Paiva** - July 06, 2014 at 09:45 AM

GA

“ *To Dr. Pruden and family = our deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. Wilma light up a room with her beautiful smile - she will be so missed at St. Mark's - Take to soon but God has plans for her - she will always be at the side of those she love so much - her family!*



*Gil and Lillian Acosta*

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**gilbert & lillian acosta** - July 06, 2014 at 07:59 AM

UH

“ *Dear Dr. Pruden,*

*As a former teacher of Wilma for many years at Deutsches Haus I am very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed having her in my class and cannot believe that she had to leave us so early.*

*With my deepest sympathy from Germany*

*Dr. Ulla Hofstaetter*

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**ulla Hofstaetter** - July 06, 2014 at 02:55 AM

KB

“ *Kate Bond lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Kate Bond** - July 05, 2014 at 12:39 AM

WM

“ *Waleska Maldonado lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Waleska Maldonado** - July 04, 2014 at 06:00 PM

RF

“ *Ron Klebacher and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden.*



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**Ron Klebacher and family** - July 04, 2014 at 09:56 AM

LF

“ *Lana Friedman lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Lana Friedman** - July 04, 2014 at 09:47 AM

KH

“ *Karen Hughes lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



**Karen Hughes** - July 03, 2014 at 08:37 PM

SC

“ *St. Paul's Community Development Corporation purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden.*



**St. Paul's Community Development Corporation** - July 03, 2014 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ *John Brancato lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



**John Brancato** - July 03, 2014 at 04:12 PM

CM

“ *Christine Miller lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



**Christine Miller** - July 03, 2014 at 03:38 PM

E2

“ *Emily Wilson, MICP 2291 lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Emily Wilson, MICP 2291** - July 03, 2014 at 03:20 PM

E2

*Thinking of you and your family, Dr Pruden. May your beautiful wife rest in Heavenly peace. You're in my prayers, Emily*

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**Emily Wilson, MICP 2291** - July 03, 2014 at 03:30 PM

DB

“ *Dr. John Brennan purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden.*



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**Dr. John Brennan** - July 03, 2014 at 02:43 PM

JG

“ *Jonathan Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Jonathan Gonzalez** - July 03, 2014 at 01:11 PM

MR

“ *Dr Pruden: I am so sorry for your loss; I remeber you celebrating your anniversary at our conference. Mike Reilley NJ DOH Office of EMS*

Michael Reilley - July 03, 2014 at 12:58 PM

LL

“ *Wilma lit up the room...and many people's lives.....with her warm smile and her spirit.*

*Linda Sloan Locke*

Linda Sloan Locke - July 03, 2014 at 12:51 PM

LL

“ *Linda Sloan Locke lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



Linda Sloan Locke - July 03, 2014 at 12:49 PM

JP

“ *Dear Doctor Jim, I am very saddened by the sudden loss of your dear wife Wilma Jean. I have always considered you a good friend to me and to the Paterson F.D. You have always had our utmost respect. I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family at this time, and I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

*James K. Pasquariello, Chief Paterson F.D. Retired.*

James K. Pasquariello - July 03, 2014 at 11:55 AM

NS

“ *Nada K. Samo lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Nada K. Samo** - July 03, 2014 at 10:23 AM

MM

“ *Meredith McCutcheon lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Meredith McCutcheon** - July 03, 2014 at 10:18 AM

MM

*I am heartsick for you and your family. I pray you all find some peace. I send my sympathy to you and your family Dr. Pruden.  
Love, Meredith*

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**Meredith McCutcheon** - July 03, 2014 at 10:23 AM

“ *Meine liebe Bekannte Wilma ist geschieden.  
My dear friend Wilma has departed.  
Wilma lived a life full of energy and love. She was always an  
enthusiastic contributor to discussions in our German Book Club at  
Deutsches Haus at NYU.*

*1. Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

*Anonymous, 1653*

*Jesus, meine Zuversicht  
Und mein Heiland, ist im Leben;  
Dieses weiß ich, sollt' ich nicht  
Darum mich zufrieden geben,  
Was die lange Todesnacht  
Mir auch für Gedanken macht?*

*2. Jesus, er mein Heiland, lebt;  
Ich werd' auch das Leben schauen,  
Sein, wo mein Erlöser schwebt;  
Warum sollte mir denn grauen?  
Läßet auch ein Haupt sein Glied,  
Welches es nicht nach sich zieht?*

*3. Ich bin durch der Hoffnung Band  
Zu genau mit ihm verbunden;  
Meine starke Glaubenshand  
Wird in ihn gelegt befunden,  
Daß mich auch kein Todesbann  
Ewig von ihm trennen kann.*

*4. Ich bin Fleisch und muß daher  
Auch einmal zu Asche werden;  
Das gesteh' ich, doch wird er  
Mich erwecken aus der Erden,  
Daß ich in der Herrlichkeit  
Um ihn sein mög' allezeit.*

*5. Dann wird eben diese Haut  
Mich umgeben, wie ich gläube,  
Gott wird werden angeschaut  
Dann von mir in diesem Leibe,*

*Und in diesem Fleisch werd' ich  
Jesum sehen ewiglich.*

*6. Dieser meiner Augen Licht  
Wird ihn, meinen Heiland, kennen;  
Ich, ich selbst, kein Fremder nicht,  
Werd' in seiner Liebe brennen;  
Nur die Schwachheit um und an  
Wird von mir sein abgetan.*

*7. Was hier kranket, seufzt und fleht,  
Wird dort frisch und herrlich gehen;  
Irdisch werd' ich ausgesät,  
Himmlisch werd' ich auferstehen;  
Hier geh' ich natürlich ein,  
Nachmals werd' ich geistlich sein.*

*8. Seid getrost und hocheufreut,  
Jesus trägt euch, meine Glieder!  
Gebt nicht Raum der Traurigkeit!  
Sterbt ihr, Christus ruft euch wider,  
Wenn die letzt' Drommet' erklingt,  
Die auch durch die Gräber dringt.*

*9. Lacht der finstern Erdenklufft,  
Lacht des Todes und der Höllen;  
Denn ihr sollt euch durch die Luft  
Eurem Heiland zugesellen!  
Dann wird Schwachheit und Verdruß  
Liegen unter eurem Fuß.*

*10. Nur daß ihr den Geist erhebt  
Von den Lüsten dieser Erden*

*1. Jesus Christ, my sure Defense  
And my Savior, ever liveth;  
Knowing this, my confidence  
Rests upon the hope it giveth  
Though the night of death be fraught  
Still with many an anxious thought.*

*2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;  
I, too, unto life shall waken.*

*Endless joy my Savior gives;  
Shall my courage, then, be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the Head  
Rise and leave His members dead?*

*3. Nay, too closely I am bound  
Unto Him by hope forever;  
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found,  
Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
Even death now cannot part  
From its Lord the trusting heart.*

*4. I am flesh and must return  
Unto dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern  
That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide  
In His glory, at His side.*

*5. Glorified, I shall anew  
With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view  
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see  
Jesus Christ eternally.*

*6 Then these eyes my Lord shall know,  
My Redeemer and my Brother;  
In His love my soul shall glow—  
I myself, and not another!  
Then the weakness I feel here  
Shall forever disappear.*

*7 They who sorrow here and moan  
There in gladness shall be reigning;  
Earthly here the seed is sown,  
There immortal life attaining,  
Here our sinful bodies die,  
Glorified to dwell on high.*

*8 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice;*

*Dying, they shall never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred  
When the trumpet's blast is heard.  
9 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
And at death no longer tremble;  
He, the Lord, who came to save  
Will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet,  
Treading death beneath their feet.  
10 Oh, then draw away your hearts  
Now from pleasures base and hollow.  
There to share what He imparts,  
Here His footsteps ye must follow.  
Fix your hearts beyond the skies,  
Whither ye yourselves would rise.*

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**Merv Horst** - July 03, 2014 at 08:46 AM

CM

“ Dear Dr. Pruden and family,

*Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

*May God Bless Mrs. Pruden and may she rest in peace.*

*Sincerely,*

*Christine*

*(A member of the St. Joseph's Family)*



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**Christine Miller** - July 03, 2014 at 08:32 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden.*



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July 03, 2014 at 07:34 AM



“ *Wilma was one-of-kind. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing her will not be the same without her. I loved worshiping with Wilma, working with Wilma, sparring with Wilma, laughing with Wilma. Everything you did with Wilma was enhanced by her vibrant and passionate spirit. Words are much to feeble to express my sympathy to her family, especially her beloved, Jimmy. Dearest Jim (Doc), Carla, J.J., Christopher and William, and those beautiful grandchildren, we are all praying for your consolation and healing. God graced us all with the gift of Wilma Jean Bland Pruden.*



*JoAnn Riccardi*

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**JoAnn Riccardi** - July 03, 2014 at 07:25 AM



“ *Lynn Molinaro R.N. lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Bland-Pruden*



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**Lynn Molinaro R.N.** - July 03, 2014 at 02:17 AM

JB

*Jim,*

*Deepest Sympathies to you & your family.  
John Brennan*

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**John A Brennan** - July 03, 2014 at 02:32 PM

VA

“*Dr. Pruden, I am so very sorry for your loss and I send heartfelt prayers to you and your family. Something I hold onto when I think of those I lost... "To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die."*

*With peace and healing,  
Valerie Arrabito  
(St. Joes)*

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**valerie arrabito** - July 02, 2014 at 05:51 PM