



## Gina M. Wessel

November 20, 1957 - February 14, 2026

Gina M. Wessel, 68, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2026, in Barrington, IL. She was born November 20, 1957, in Chicago, IL, and was formerly of Norridge, IL, living in Green Oaks, IL, since 1997.

Gina served as club administrator for the Greater Libertyville Soccer Association (GLSA), retiring after 21 years. In her role, Gina managed the competitive program of 900 players, three seasons of the Recreational League, all GLSA-hosted tournaments, and the club's accounts and scheduling. She was always available and went above and beyond to support the club and its coaches. In 2010, Gina was honored as Illinois Administrator of the Year by US Youth Soccer in recognition of her outstanding service. She was also the recipient of the Illinois Women in Soccer Award in 2020 for her exceptional work as Club Administrator for FC1974.

Gina was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Libertyville, where her three children attended grade school and all four of her grandchildren were baptized. She and her husband, Luke, shared a faithful marriage and continued attending Saturday Mass together throughout her courageous battle with ALS.

Most importantly, family meant everything to Gina, and spending time with her children and grandchildren was her greatest pride and joy. Fiercely loyal to

those she loved, she was a steady source of strength, encouragement, and unwavering support. Gina never missed a soccer game, school event, or important milestone. She expressed her love through action: home-cooked meals, a home that was always beautifully cared for, endless gifts (especially for her grandkids), and by showing up every single day for the people she loved. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. All who knew Gina cherished her warmth, laughter, and generous heart. She loved the holidays, was an incredible cook and hostess, and enjoyed cheering on Chicago sports teams— the Bears, Cubs, Bulls, and Blackhawks. She will be missed immensely.

Surviving is her husband of 40 years, Lucien “Luke” Wessel; 3 children, Taylor (Jeffrey) Lindsey, Lucien (Haidee) Wessel and Tierney (Nathan) Smith; 4 grandchildren, Graham, Wyatt, Abigail & Gianna; sister, Julie (John) Lapetina; brother, Nick (Judy) Grieco and brothers-in-law, Kirk (Marilyn) Wessel & Doug (Alisa) Wessel.

A visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2026 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E. Maple Ave. in Libertyville. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
121 E. Maple Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

## Memorial Mass

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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121 E. Maple Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Angelaccio Family purchased the Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



Angelaccio Family - February 22 at 11:54 PM

FH

“ Fred and Debbie Huber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gina M. Wessel.

Fred and Debbie Huber - February 22 at 09:56 AM

FH

“ Fred and Debbie Huber purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



Fred and Debbie Huber - February 22 at 09:56 AM

JF

“ Jim and Barb Lapetina and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



Jim and Barb Lapetina and Family - February 21 at 07:15 PM

CS

“ It was always a pleasure working soccer w/Gina. You will be missed. Carrie Schinkowsky

Carrie Schinkowsky - February 21 at 04:09 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



February 21 at 02:32 PM

LK

“ Laurie K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gina M. Wessel.

Laurie K. - February 21 at 02:07 PM

YS

“ Young Sportsmen's Soccer League Staff purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



Young Sportsmen's Soccer League Staff - February 21 at 01:21 PM

YS

“ Young Sportsmen's Soccer League Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gina M. Wessel.

Young Sportsmen's Soccer League Staff - February 21 at 01:21 PM

TB

“ *Tim Buckley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gina M. Wessel.*



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**Tim Buckley** - February 20 at 06:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gina M. Wessel.

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February 20 at 12:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.*



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February 20 at 12:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.*



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February 20 at 12:07 PM

KC

“ Kirk and Nancy Conover purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



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**Kirk and Nancy Conover** - February 20 at 10:24 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



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February 19 at 01:08 AM

DK

“ I met Gina the day her son Luke returned from his second deployment. She was leading the Wessel crew down the pier with a gigantic cutout of Luke’s face and balloons, ready to cheer for Luke’s return, a proud matriarch and orchestrator of the celebration to come.

*I was able to get to know Gina as that scene replayed itself during Luke and Haidee’s wedding, Wessel family visits to San Diego and Abby’s birthday parties. She always made my wife Sara and I feel like part of her family, with candid conversation, no frills advice and a shared appreciation for Diet Coke.*

*This disease claimed my sister-in-law’s mother a few years ago and now it has taken away another wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend far too soon. I have so much love for the Wessel family and the goodness that is in their hearts and the joy they spread. I wish them peace and comfort in this time. We are here for you always and are just a phone call away if you want to talk or ask for help.*

*Love, David, Sara, Rhys and Joey Kehoe*



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David Kehoe - February 19 at 12:58 AM

DA

“ Doug and Alisa purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



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**Doug and Alisa** - February 18 at 11:27 PM

FF

“ From the Wessel and Howell family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



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**From the Wessel and Howell family.** - February 18 at 08:26 PM

NK

“ Nica(Chutich)Katlin, Josh & Lily Katlin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



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**Nica(Chutich)Katlin, Josh & Lily Katlin** - February 18 at 06:17 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



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February 18 at 04:57 PM

RS

“ Roger and Stacy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



Roger and Stacy - February 18 at 10:33 AM

MF

“ Michael & Sophie Falbo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



Michael & Sophie Falbo - February 18 at 07:53 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



February 17 at 12:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



February 17 at 09:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gina M. Wessel.

February 17 at 09:32 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



February 17 at 09:32 AM



“ Kaitlyn and Jordan Henderson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gina M. Wessel.



**Kaitlyn and Jordan Henderson** - February 16 at 09:59 PM