

Mary Wildman Bio:

Mary lives in Evans City, PA with her husband, Davy and their two sons, Lucas and Nickolas. Lucas is a typical 22 year old college student who graduated from Washington & Jefferson College last spring and is currently taking graduate courses at Carlow University. Nickolas, 21 years old, has autism and is a student at Pressley Ridge School for Autism.

In addition to being a wife and mother, Mary is a retired teacher. She taught in the Seneca Valley School District for 33 ½ years where she taught business and College in High School Accounting courses. Mary had received several teaching awards including the Red Apple Teacher Award (2005) from PSEA and the Butler County United Way, two Teacher Excellence Awards (In 2005, Mary was in the top 100 teachers in Western Pennsylvania and in 2006 she won the top “Teacher of Excellence” award out of approximately 20,000 teachers in Western Pennsylvania.), and was also nominated for the Disney Teacher Award (2006).

In June, 2002, Mary and her husband founded the Autism Society of Butler County where Mary is the secretary/treasurer and chairs various committees. The Autism Society of Butler County is a nonprofit, all volunteer affiliate of the Autism Society of America that serves all of Butler County and helps families and individuals with autism.

Mary served on the Autism Taskforce for the state of Pennsylvania and is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Policy Work Group.

Mary’s educational background includes graduating from Geneva College (1981), Beaver Falls, PA with a B.S.B.A. triple major in accounting, business administration, and business education and a minor in computer science. Mary has a master’s degree in business (1985) from Robert Morris University, Coraopolis, PA. She has also attended Temple University’s Institute on Disabilities and received certificates for the C2P2 (Confidence and Competence, Partners in Policymaking) program and the Advanced Leadership Training program.

On a final note, you might have seen Mary and her family highlighted on the television show, 60 Minutes, back in November, 2000 when Ed Bradley did a segment about their family and the vaccine/autism controversy. In addition in February 2015, CBS National Evening News interviewed Mary and her family. And, in June 2015, NPR (National Public Radio) also interviewed them.

