



Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson

January 14, 1930 - November 25, 2012

Marilyn Wilson, 82, a longtime Asheville resident, passed away on Sunday, November 25. She was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, one of six children of Harry and Grace Redmon. In 1948 she married Jack Wilson of Waterloo, Iowa, and together they raised six children of their own. The family moved to Asheville in 1967 where she became a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

These few paltrey facts do little to illuminate a life so full of tenderness, generosity and compassion as hers. But her husband; her children Mark, Becky, John, Matt, Gretchen and Heidi; her grandchildren Nigel, Kate, Matt, Ben, Lisa, Nicole, Amy, Rachel, Rebekah, Luke, Jordan, Sawyer, Emily Rose, Haley, Logan, and Emery; her great-grandchildren Alexa, Gabriel, Gavin, Jaxen, Hayden and Téa; and all of her in-laws, extended family and friends know well the warmth and strength of the love she so unselfishly gave and so graciously accepted.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 28 at 11:00 am with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Lutheran World Relief through St. Mark's Lutheran Church, PO Box 8608, Asheville, NC 28814.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Happy Mothers Day Mom! I miss you and love you.*

Matt Wilson - May 11, 2014 at 06:05 AM



“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 13, 2014 at 07:46 AM



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Becky - February 08, 2014 at 06:46 AM

BE

“ *BECKY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



BECKY - February 07, 2014 at 07:52 PM

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Becky - January 27, 2014 at 10:57 AM

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Becky - January 23, 2014 at 09:13 AM

MW

“ *Happy Birthday, Mom! I miss you so much.*

Matt Wilson - January 14, 2014 at 09:14 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 14, 2014 at 08:28 AM

BE

Happy Birthday Mom. We love you and miss you so much. Every thing around us reminds us of you. I don't know how we are expected to carry on without you. It feels impossible. We will be thinking of you and carrying you in our hearts today, as always, but especially thinking about so many birthdays past that we celebrated together. Love you always and forever.

Becky - January 14, 2014 at 08:34 AM

HE

“ *Happy Birthday Mommy!! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!*

heidi - January 14, 2014 at 05:26 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - September 06, 2013 at 07:28 AM

HE

“ Mommy, its our baby's birthday today! You always let me know that you understood how special Emery Grace is. You looked at her with as much amazement as I do. We finally made it to the wolves for her birthday last year didn't we? I know you're looking over her today and forever. I love you and miss you!!

Heidi - July 17, 2013 at 05:24 AM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - June 13, 2013 at 05:07 PM

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Becky - June 07, 2013 at 06:59 PM

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Becky - May 28, 2013 at 10:31 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - May 27, 2013 at 09:13 PM

BE

Thank you for the butterfly today, Mom. I miss you!

Becky - May 27, 2013 at 09:15 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - May 27, 2013 at 09:48 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - May 22, 2013 at 01:40 PM

BE

Dear Mom, I miss you in more ways than I can even express. I love you forever and always. Peace be with us, please. B

Becky - May 22, 2013 at 01:41 PM

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“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - May 16, 2013 at 02:41 PM

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Becky - May 10, 2013 at 11:29 PM

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Becky - May 10, 2013 at 08:20 AM

GR

“ Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen - May 07, 2013 at 09:08 AM

GR

Oh Mom, I miss you so much! The "sparkle" is gone from my life. I am dreading Mother's Day, because I only want to spend it with you. I love you, Mom!

Gretchen - May 07, 2013 at 09:10 AM

MW

“ Mom, I wish you could meet your new granddaughter, Presley Joy. And I sure wish she could meet you! We all miss you SO much!

Matt Wilson - May 05, 2013 at 06:49 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - May 04, 2013 at 10:15 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - May 04, 2013 at 08:24 AM

BE

Sorry I missed a couple days, Mom, but YOU know I have not stopped thinking about you. I have been busy getting rid of non- necessary (I cannot spell today) stuff and preparing to go be w/ Dad. I have a beautiful red, Knock Out Rose to plant for you that will give us red roses all summer, I HOPE. These will be for you, the most beautiful rose of all! I MISS YOU SO MUCH!!

Becky - May 04, 2013 at 08:31 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - May 01, 2013 at 11:10 PM

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“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - April 29, 2013 at 10:50 PM

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Becky - April 28, 2013 at 09:40 AM

BE

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Becky - April 27, 2013 at 05:47 PM

BE

Mom, remember how I always forgot your anniversary? (Except the one time when we got you that little dogwood tree) Well, I didn't forget this year. I'm sorry that I can't wish you a Happy Anniversary, because it's not very happy today without you, but I do want to commemorate this significant date. I am praising God for bringing you and Dad together and for your marriage. You were the most beautiful bride in the world, ever. I love you and miss you so much.

Becky - April 27, 2013 at 05:52 PM

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Becky - April 26, 2013 at 07:24 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - April 26, 2013 at 01:13 AM

BE

I mss you SO VERY much, Mom. Our family and this world will never be the same ever again.

Becky - April 26, 2013 at 01:14 AM

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Becky - April 23, 2013 at 07:29 PM

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“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - April 21, 2013 at 09:38 PM

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“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - April 21, 2013 at 08:43 AM

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Becky - April 20, 2013 at 12:33 AM

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Becky - April 19, 2013 at 12:09 AM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - April 18, 2013 at 04:23 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - April 17, 2013 at 08:39 PM

BE

I love you, Mom. And I miss you SO very much! Always and forever. You left one, big lonely place in this world where you once filled with so much love, laughter, beauty, generosity, inspiration, and life.

Becky - April 17, 2013 at 08:42 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - April 17, 2013 at 08:31 AM

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Becky - April 12, 2013 at 10:51 PM

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Gretchen - April 01, 2013 at 05:28 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 31, 2013 at 08:26 AM

BE

Happy Easter, Mom. I love you and miss you.

Becky - March 31, 2013 at 08:27 AM

MW

“ *I really miss you Mom.*

Matt Wilson - March 29, 2013 at 11:30 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - March 29, 2013 at 08:41 PM

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Becky - March 28, 2013 at 10:36 PM

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Becky - March 23, 2013 at 10:08 PM

BE

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Becky - March 23, 2013 at 11:32 AM

RA

“ *Rachel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



rachel - March 20, 2013 at 04:08 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 18, 2013 at 10:30 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 17, 2013 at 09:33 PM

BE

Mom, please go be with Dad in whatever way that you can. He needs you now. Please ask Jesus to bring him some peace and some relief. I miss you so much and cannot even understand how or why you are not still here with us. Love you always and forever, Becky

Becky - March 17, 2013 at 09:35 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - March 17, 2013 at 12:08 AM

GR

I love you Mom! Still doesn't seem real. I miss you so!

Gretchen - March 17, 2013 at 12:11 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 16, 2013 at 01:30 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 14, 2013 at 11:25 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 14, 2013 at 12:34 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 12, 2013 at 04:23 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - March 11, 2013 at 12:48 PM

GR

Mom, I miss you more each day!

Gretchen - March 12, 2013 at 07:00 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 10, 2013 at 08:06 PM

RE

“ *Rebekah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebekah - March 08, 2013 at 10:08 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - March 07, 2013 at 10:43 PM

MW

“ Last night I dreamed that I came over to see Dad and all of the sudden you were standing at the kitchen sink and you turned around with a big smile and said, "Hey Matt." I was SO happy and excited. Then I woke up. I miss you so much Mom.

Matt Wilson - March 06, 2013 at 11:11 PM

BE

Oh Matt, lucky you to see Mom one more time!

Becky - March 07, 2013 at 10:44 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - March 06, 2013 at 08:22 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - March 05, 2013 at 11:10 PM

BE

Mom, your light will never stop shining. Never. I love you.

Becky - March 05, 2013 at 11:11 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - March 05, 2013 at 05:32 PM

RA

“ *Rachel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



rachel - March 02, 2013 at 06:50 AM

RA

We are having the boys' party today. We sure do wish you could be there!

rachel - March 02, 2013 at 06:52 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 28, 2013 at 08:19 PM

BE

Where is the sunshine in our lives, Mom? We miss you so much!

Becky - February 28, 2013 at 08:21 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 27, 2013 at 11:29 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 26, 2013 at 10:33 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 26, 2013 at 01:22 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - February 26, 2013 at 12:27 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 24, 2013 at 11:29 AM

RA

“ *Rachel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



rachel - February 23, 2013 at 08:46 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 23, 2013 at 11:40 AM

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Becky - February 23, 2013 at 11:39 AM

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Becky - February 23, 2013 at 11:39 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 23, 2013 at 11:36 AM

BE

Hey Mom, I know that you know I have not forgotten you for one single minute, but sorry, I need to catch up on your candles here. I could light a million and that would not be enough. I miss you so very much and this hole in my heart will never heal.

Becky - February 23, 2013 at 11:39 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 23, 2013 at 10:58 AM

GR

“ Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen - February 22, 2013 at 11:19 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - February 15, 2013 at 11:21 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - February 15, 2013 at 03:23 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - February 14, 2013 at 10:40 PM

RA

“ Rachel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



rachel - February 14, 2013 at 05:24 AM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - February 13, 2013 at 08:00 PM

BE

Dear Mom, Tonight I'm going to ask Dad if he has seen any daffodils yet. I guess it's probably too early, but it could be possible! Please come near when and if you can. I miss you so much. I know things are different and wondrous for you now, but for all of us it still seems so impossible. Mom, I know that you don't want for so many people to suffer and continue to grieve over losing you. But I also want you to know that that means there are many many people who believed you to be a true Angel on Earth, an inspiration for all, and an incredibly true, beautiful woman, on the inside as well as the outside. That is the reason there are so many holes in so many hearts. I love you and miss you so much, Love, Becky

Becky - February 13, 2013 at 08:06 PM

RA

I saw daffodils day before yesterday when I was on my way to an interview <3

rachel - February 14, 2013 at 05:24 AM

BE

Wow Rachel, so I'm not that far off! I wonder if Dad has any coming up -- I forgot to ask him.

Becky - February 14, 2013 at 10:42 PM

RA

We went to see him today. I forgot to ask him, but looked as we were leaving and I didn't see any. Granny bought me a bouquet of her daffodils for Gabriel's birthday each year.

rachel - February 15, 2013 at 08:19 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 12, 2013 at 11:21 PM

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Becky - February 11, 2013 at 08:52 PM

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Becky - February 10, 2013 at 09:14 PM

GR

“ Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen - February 08, 2013 at 11:17 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - February 08, 2013 at 10:31 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - February 07, 2013 at 11:02 PM

BE

OH Mom, what I would give for just one more hug. I love you. Becky

Becky - February 07, 2013 at 11:03 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 05, 2013 at 01:32 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - February 03, 2013 at 11:53 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 02, 2013 at 10:46 PM

RA

“ *Rachel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rachel - February 02, 2013 at 09:02 PM

RA

We went to Belagio and McDonalds tonight, but its just not the same without you. I miss you so much!

Rachel - February 02, 2013 at 09:03 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - February 02, 2013 at 10:20 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 31, 2013 at 09:09 PM

BE

I really wanted to hug you today, Mom. Really bad. I miss you so much.

Becky - January 31, 2013 at 09:10 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 30, 2013 at 10:59 PM

GR

“ Gretchen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen - January 30, 2013 at 08:56 PM

GR

I miss you more each day.

Gretchen - January 30, 2013 at 08:58 PM

BE

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Becky - January 29, 2013 at 09:37 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - January 28, 2013 at 10:42 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 27, 2013 at 12:28 AM

MW

“ *Mom, we're having our annual pizza party tonight. I still can't comprehend that you won't be there. I miss you.*

Matt Wilson - January 26, 2013 at 08:58 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 25, 2013 at 07:30 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 24, 2013 at 07:55 PM

GR

“ Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen - January 24, 2013 at 05:30 PM

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Becky - January 22, 2013 at 09:24 PM

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Becky - January 21, 2013 at 09:20 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Becky - January 20, 2013 at 11:18 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 20, 2013 at 11:48 AM

BE

Good Morning, Mom. I need you. Please be with me today.

Becky - January 20, 2013 at 11:49 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 19, 2013 at 02:16 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 17, 2013 at 10:02 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 16, 2013 at 11:24 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - January 16, 2013 at 07:48 PM

GR

Thinking of you, Mom!

Gretchen - January 16, 2013 at 07:50 PM

BE

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Becky - January 15, 2013 at 09:18 PM

BE

The wisest, kindest, giving, generous, unselfish, loving couple ever to have lived.

Becky - January 15, 2013 at 09:22 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 15, 2013 at 08:57 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - January 14, 2013 at 04:56 PM

GR

Happy Birthday Mom! Wish I could have celebrated your birthday with you, but I know there must have been some party in Heaven!! I love you and miss you so so much!

Gretchen - January 14, 2013 at 04:57 PM

RE

“ *Rebekah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebekah - January 14, 2013 at 10:50 AM

RE

Happy Birthday, Sweet Granny. I miss you!

Rebekah - January 14, 2013 at 10:51 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 14, 2013 at 02:42 AM

BE

oops, Mom, I made a mistake so you get TWO yellow candles today. Happy Birthday, Mom. I love you and miss you so much. In honor of your Birthday, I am mailing a beautiful picture to Dad tomorrow. In it, you don't even look 70! I wish I could come and visit you, but since I can't, I hope that you will come and visit me. There's a big hole in part of my heart where you used to be. You have a new place in my heart now, but I sure do wish you were in both places at the same time!
Love, Becky

Becky - January 14, 2013 at 02:48 AM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 14, 2013 at 02:41 AM

MW

“ Hey Mom. I have to get up early for work tomorrow, so I'm going to wish you an early "Happy Birthday" tonight. I can't stand the thought of not talking to you or seeing you on your birthday. It's a poor substitute, but I'm going to drive out to Swannanoa to talk to you tomorrow. I won't even try to describe how much I miss you and the gaping hole in this world without you. But you surely already know. I love you Mom.
Matt

Matt Wilson - January 13, 2013 at 10:59 PM

RA

“ Rachel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Rachel - January 13, 2013 at 09:42 PM

RA

“ Rachel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Rachel - January 13, 2013 at 09:41 PM

RA

Happy Birthday, Granny! Wish we could celebrate at el chapala.

Rachel - January 13, 2013 at 09:46 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 12, 2013 at 09:00 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 10, 2013 at 09:56 PM

BE

A yellow candle for you every day, Mom. You are my sunshine and in the daffodils that will soon be here! We made it thru the solstice.....

Becky - January 10, 2013 at 09:59 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Becky - January 09, 2013 at 11:26 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 08, 2013 at 07:50 PM

RD

Mom, this heart if from Gretchen, Heidi, and me. It's what Gretchen meant to send you yesterday and it goes with your Teddy Bear. You are in all of our hearts every moment of every day.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 08, 2013 at 07:52 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - January 08, 2013 at 11:21 AM

GR

“ *Gretchen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - January 08, 2013 at 11:19 AM

GR

Actually I meant to leave a heart, not a teddy bear! I love you Mom and miss you more each day!!

Gretchen - January 08, 2013 at 11:21 AM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 07, 2013 at 07:18 PM

RD

I love you, Mom. Becky

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 07, 2013 at 07:19 PM

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Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 06, 2013 at 07:02 PM

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Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 05, 2013 at 10:23 PM

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Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 02, 2013 at 11:10 PM

RD

“ Rebecca Wilson Dyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 01, 2013 at 12:47 PM

RD

It's a new year now, Mom. Please walk with me as I stumble through it, and please share some of your beautiful gifts with me. I love you forever and ever.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - January 01, 2013 at 12:49 PM

RD

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Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 30, 2012 at 06:19 PM

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Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 29, 2012 at 08:12 PM

RD

“ Mom, I have been missing you so much! I know that you are glad to be with your Redmon family again, but those of us stuck here are suffering a great loss. Your radiant, vibrant face is on my mind constantly. How sweet, petite, and tiny you felt when I last hugged you. Oh how much Hayden would love you! She would run to you with open arms, waiting for you to pick her up.

Please go visit Dad, he needs you..

I love you forever and ever and always. Becky

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 29, 2012 at 08:11 PM

RG

“ Rachel Graves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Rachel Graves - December 29, 2012 at 01:07 PM

RG

“ Rachel Graves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Rachel Graves - December 29, 2012 at 01:04 PM

RG

I miss you so much, Granny.

Rachel Graves - December 29, 2012 at 01:05 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca W. Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca W. Dyer - December 28, 2012 at 04:14 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 27, 2012 at 05:31 PM

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“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 26, 2012 at 06:55 PM

RD

“ Mom, this was not really Christmas without you, even tho I have had so few with you in recent years. But we were still together. every time during those years. I know you would not want us to have a difficult Christmas because of you, but yes, we really did. Because those in Asheville (esp Dad) were not able to hold you and touch you and kiss you a Merry Christmas; and those of us in KS did not get to send you a loving gift or talk to you on the phone in the middle of all of your confusion and chaos....

If I'd had it, I would have spent one zillion dollars to come and surprise you on Christmas eve again, but I did not have the zillion dollars and you weren't there.

We ALL love and miss you so much (have you seen Rachel and Nicoles tatoos? ohhhh my, you would love them!) and as comforted as we are that you are now with Jesus and Your Maker, we still cannot bear the loss of you physically in our lives.

Matt G and Lisa built Hayden a play kitchen from an old entertainment center and I know how much you would have loved to see it while she was so busy mixing up food and putting stuff away in it. Were you there? Did you see it? Please go play w/ her in it when and if you are able, OK? She would LOVE that!

OH, Mom, we have so especially missed you this holiday. As hard as we all (esp Gretchen and Heidi) worked to celebrate this holiday when we really didn't want to, we have now all made it thru this. I am still looking for you, please come by when you can.

I love you and miss you with my whole heart, Mom, Love, B

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 25, 2012 at 11:06 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 25, 2012 at 01:43 AM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 24, 2012 at 10:29 AM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - December 23, 2012 at 11:03 AM

GR

Oh Mom! I am thinking of you and missing you every minute of every day!How will I get through Christmas without you?! The only way is through the wonderful memories you left me with. I love you!

Gretchen - December 23, 2012 at 11:05 AM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 22, 2012 at 10:26 PM

RD

“ *Oh Mom, what I would give to hold and kiss your hand and comb your hair just one more time. Please come and visit me, please.*

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 22, 2012 at 10:25 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 21, 2012 at 10:36 PM

“ I am in mourning for my Mother, the epitome of A Gardener and Nurturer. Someday soon I will try to become more like her and spread happiness, love, laughter, silliness, and fun. But not yet today.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDRmDIJtldU>

Adapted from Elton John's Empty Garden:

What happened here

As the Weaverville sunset disappeared

I found an empty garden among the flagstones there

Who lived here?

She must have been a gardener that cared a lot

Who weeded out the tears and grew a good crop

And now it all looks strange

It's funny how one insect can damage so much grain

And what's it for

This little empty garden by the brownstone door

And in the cracks along the sidewalk nothing grows no more

Who lived here?

She must have been a gardener that cared a lot

Who weeded out the tears and grew a good crop

And we are so amazed

We're crippled and we're dazed

A gardener like that one no one can replace

And I've been knocking but no one answers

And I've been knocking most all the day

Oh and I've been calling oh hey hey Granny

Can't you come out to play

And through their tears

Some say she farmed her best in younger years

*But she'd have said that roots grow stronger if only she could hear
Who lived there
She must have been a gardener that cared a lot
Who weeded out the tears and grew a good crop
Now we pray for rain, and with every drop that falls
We hear, we hear your name*

*And I've been knocking but no one answers
And I've been knocking most all the day
Oh and I've been calling oh hey hey Granny
Can't you come out to play*

*And I've been knocking but no one answers
And I've been knocking most all the day
Oh and I've been calling oh hey hey Granny
Can't you come, can't you come out to play
Granny, can't you come out to play in your empty garden
Granny, can't you come out to play in your empty garden
Granny, can't you come out to play in your empty garden
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Granny, can't you come out to play in your empty garden*

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 21, 2012 at 10:31 PM

RD

“*Dear Mom, Deepening pain is setting in as I am coming to realize that this was not impossible, and that you really are gone from us. I'm looking for you everywhere and I cannot find you. I would die just to hear your voice and your laughter and your songs but they are only memories now. I will still strive to be more like you, but I will fail. Because it is impossible and because a part of me has died with you. I love you, now, always, and forever. Please look over Dad, he needs you. Becky*

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 21, 2012 at 10:26 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 21, 2012 at 01:09 AM

RD

“ *Mom, as much as I do not want to even do Christmas, I have to think of you and what you would do. You would do it 'the best you could at the time'. You would not have spoiled anyone's Christmas, even in your grief. It just won't feel right without you, even though we will be striving to celebrate Jesus' birth, without which we couldn't know for certain that you are still alive, but in a different way and now with Him.*

It is just so HARD, Mom! I/ we are such lowly, weak human beings that we cannot possibly understand why all this happened and what God's will really was. This is just so hard and painful, it is difficult to accept His will. Please help us. Please tell ALL of us what happened.

It just seems too hard to celebrate anything right now, especially knowing who you always were on Christmas.

I miss you and will love you forever. Becky

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 21, 2012 at 01:07 AM

RD

“ *Rebecca Wilson Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 19, 2012 at 11:39 PM

RD

Mom, I miss you so much and it will be a hard, hard Christmas.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - December 19, 2012 at 11:54 PM

MW

“ *Mom, I know you are in such a better place now. No pain, no sadness, no worries. And I am so glad for you... But I miss you so much. I just don't see how we can make it through Christmas without you. You always brought so much joy! I want to see your smile and hear your laugh. I miss you.*

Matt Wilson - December 19, 2012 at 09:16 PM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - December 19, 2012 at 08:57 PM

BE

“ *On the music/poem below be sure to skip the ad and minimize the youtube video. sorry*

Becky - December 18, 2012 at 03:02 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca W. Dyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebecca W. Dyer - December 18, 2012 at 01:43 PM

RW

“ *Rebekah Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebekah Wilson - December 18, 2012 at 07:58 AM

GR

“ *Gretchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen - December 16, 2012 at 10:11 PM

GH

“ *Gretchen Holcombe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen Holcombe - December 13, 2012 at 07:44 AM

RW

“ *Rebekah Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Rebekah Wilson - December 11, 2012 at 08:32 AM

GH

“ *Gretchen Holcombe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Gretchen Holcombe - December 10, 2012 at 08:39 PM

HW

“ *Heidi Wilson-Cartwright sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Heidi wilson-Cartwright - December 10, 2012 at 03:38 PM

RG

“ *Rachel Graves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



rachel graves - December 10, 2012 at 01:45 PM

JW

“ hey mom, just wanted to tell you that kathy and i are coming to your resting place tomorrow..we miss you so much and its the closest thing to being able to visit you at home. we will sit and talk and wish we were drinking your lemonade. I love you and miss you mom

john wilson - December 07, 2012 at 06:20 PM

HE

John and Kathy you guys are so sweet. I don't know what else to say. Is it just me or was yesterday about the worst day yet?

Heidi - December 08, 2012 at 05:19 AM

KC

“ Karl Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Karl Cartwright - December 07, 2012 at 08:48 AM

GR

“ Gretchen sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen - December 07, 2012 at 07:35 AM

GR

I miss you so much Mom!!

Gretchen - December 07, 2012 at 07:36 AM

RG

“ Rachel Graves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



rachel graves - December 06, 2012 at 06:29 AM

MW

“ I wondered when this would happen... I had a dream about you last night.
I'm so full of dread. It's about to hit me.

Matt Wilson - December 05, 2012 at 10:39 PM



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December 01, 2012 at 10:49 PM

RD

“ Hey Mom,
Just wanted to let you know Heidi and I saw all your bluebirds this morning! We don't know if this precious gift came from the angels or you, but I want to thank you just in case it was you. Love you, love you, love you. Always and forever. Please stay with us, we need your loving care.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - November 30, 2012 at 03:17 PM

RW

“ One of my favorite quotes is “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” by Dr. Seuss. I keep repeating this to myself, yet I can’t stop crying because I know that nothing will ever be the same again. How can there ever be a Christmas without Granny? Granny was one of the sweetest people to ever walk on this earth, but she wasn’t only sweet, she was also one of the most fun people to be with. How many grandmothers will jump on the hotel beds with you while on vacation at the beach? Some of my favorite memories with Granny are going to Asheville Tourist baseball games, UNCA basketball games (Blue! White!), two John Prine concerts, one in a limo and one in the trolley, our yearly pizza party to celebrate she and my dad’s birthdays, riding to the beach with Granny and Grandpa and instead of stopping for fast food for lunch, Granny packed a picnic lunch and we stopped at a picnic area and ate sandwiches, bananas, and our own little can of shoe string potatoes. Granny had a way of making everything fun and was silly and always full of smiles and laughter. My list of memories could go on forever, just like my love for my precious Granny. I love you more than I ever let you know and will miss you until the day I die.

Rebekah

Rebekah Wilson - November 30, 2012 at 09:33 AM

JW

“ hey mom, its just me again.i was just gonna tell you(though you already know) that we have been looking at all your awesome pictures today. i wanted to comment on how lovely you look and how blessed and lucky we all are to be able to call you mom, or granny.we all know that if you had wanted to , you would have been in the movies or something and we are so grateful that you chose mother and wife instead.i would never exchange my life with anyone else because of the love and care we recieved from you and dad.i am convinced that we have(had) the greatest family that ever existed.i am off to bed now. will you come and say our prayer with me? God bless MOM and DAD, and joe, and becky, and john, and matt, and gretchen, and heidi, and all of our friends.....AMEN.I love you, mom, john

john wilson - November 29, 2012 at 06:51 PM

“Granny, it's impossible. I don't know how, but somehow it's literally impossible that when I pull up into your driveway, you won't be coming out the door to greet us. You won't be inside for me to sit next to and hold your hand. It is actually impossible that on Sunday, you won't be calling my mom like you normally do.

And I'm not sure if a lot of people get it. A grandmother is such a distant word to them, a face that they see twice a year. To them, Granny doesn't mean eating rice krispies out on her deck out of a coffee cup. It doesn't mean trying to wake up early on our beach trips to take a walk by the shore with her. It doesn't mean meeting us outside when we come to compare heights. It doesn't mean Thanksgiving and Christmas and Birthdays and all the days in between. But uh... that's what it means to me.

I thought someone said that if you want something bad enough, all of the universe conspires to make it happen. And I thought I wanted concert tickets to Foster the People. I thought I wanted a new guitar. I thought I wanted to be a writer. But really, I never truly knew a thing about want until now, when all I want is to be with you, to have you here, to listen to you, to hear your voice, your laugh, your presence.

I never really knew what it was like to miss someone until now.

This is not fair. I wish I could say "I'm right behind you" but I'm not. I'm not. I have an entire lifetime to live until I get to see you again, and I can't wait that long. How am I suppose to wait? That's not fair.

I still have to turn 18, I still have to graduate, I still have to get married. How can I do that when you're not here?

How did the world not stop spinning, why didn't it end, why didn't everyone stop dead in their tracks when it happened, never to move again.

I am so broken, so so lost without you. I wish I could say something nicer, something sweet and comforting, but I don't know how right now. I still don't fully understand.

Granny, I love you so much, and that's all I really understand.

Emily Rose Cartwright - November 29, 2012 at 03:14 PM

RD

Oh, Rose, I am so very sorry. Please accept my sympathies for the loss of your Dear Granny. I love you and I hurt for you. Please know that you are not alone. We share your pain and beg you to lean on us. Apart, we are a bunch of broken hearts and pieces, but together we are with your Granny.

In spite of all your pain, your writing is beautiful and I am grateful for what you have shared with us. We all love you so dearly. Please know this.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - November 29, 2012 at 03:59 PM

RD

“ Mom, I miss you so bad my heart hurts and is broken into many pieces. I understand you would not want it to be that way. Someday I will learn to, as you always said, 'Carry on', but now it is impossible. I know you are with me because I see you here in your home everywhere. I know you are with me because I can feel you with me. But not having your body close to me to have and hold and hug is an unbearable pain. ALL of your Redmon family are very often in my thoughts. I'd kind of like you to let me know how your Mother, Gene, and Marvel, in particular, are doing when you get the chance.

Please stay with me, I love you and I need you so much. There are no more words that can express our physical loss. We need you, Mom. Please be with us as much as you are able.

It is so painful and regretful knowing you did not get to see Hayden one more time. Please feel free to drop in on her any time. She will know you are there. She is also a Marilyn fan and I know how much she would appreciate it. I know she will be able to see you and that you will be able to see her. Please watch over her because she needs you, too. Very very much.

I can't tell you good-bye just yet. Please stay as close as you can. Please.

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 29, 2012 at 09:43 AM

EC

“ http://youtu.be/YegOrd_U-s8

Emily Rose Cartwright - November 29, 2012 at 08:33 AM

HW

“ Dear Mom, oh how I used to be so embarrassed when you would introduce me as your baby! Now I would give my own life to hear you say it again because to be your baby means to be loved and cared for and protected and watched over from the sweetest place on earth...your heart. I miss you today and tomorrow and forever. Like you always say "we're doing the best we can" and we will "carry on" somehow with this empty spot. You are surely proud of how we are trying to look after Dad. Not nearly like you did but we will try. You were my Angel in life and that is even more powerful now. I WILL SEE YOU SOON!! Love Forever, Heidi

Heidi Wilson-Cartwright - November 29, 2012 at 07:21 AM

JG

“ I have fond memories of Marilyn being there for all of Jordan's activities as he and my son grew up as friends. My son, Truman spoke of her as if he had another grandmother. I remember her sweet disposition and her love of her family. God bless all of you as you mourn her passing.
Julia Gibson



Julia Turner Gibson - November 28, 2012 at 10:52 PM

MW

“ I know there are a grillion great mothers, past and present. I am so blessed and fortunate to have had the BEST of that grillion. My Mom is the sweetest, kindest, most unpretentious and beautiful person imaginable. She is one of the two most selfless people I have ever known. The second one is my Dad. What a coincidence! We joke about who was her favorite. The great thing about Mom was her ability to make everyone feel like they were. (of course we all know who really was...)

Mom, I love you SO much. (I wish I had told you that much more often.) I already miss you so badly. (I wish I had spent more time with you) I'm sure our tastes in music were often different, but I was so excited when you started listening to John Prine. I'm glad we took the trolley to see him a few weeks ago. (I never got to see you wearing your JP t-shirt)

To steal a line from someone in some song... "There's a hole in my chest where my heart used to be."

Mom, I KNOW I will see you again in heaven, but the wait is killing me.

I love you. Your favorite son. Matt

Matt Wilson - November 28, 2012 at 10:25 PM

GH

“ Gretchen Holcombe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson



Gretchen Holcombe - November 28, 2012 at 09:54 PM

MA

“ *What I remember right now about Granny is her singing to us:
"Oh what a beautiful morning. Oh what a beautiful day. I've got a
beautiful feeling, everything's going my way."*

*She always laughed while she was singing it. She knew I didn't like
the song, but I liked when she sang it. And what I wouldn't give to
hear her sing it again.*

*I haven't been very religious for a while now, but.. if there was
already a heaven, then the souls there have a new standard to live
up to from now on.*

And if there wasn't already a heaven, then there must be one now.

I'll miss you Granny

Matt - November 28, 2012 at 08:59 PM

RD

*Matt, I have several videos of Mom singing this song somewhere. I will
try to find them. Once was when she was at our place in the Spring.
The sun was brilliant and my flowers were in full bloom. She was out in
the front yard, in her nightgown, bare feet and in very rare form. That
was a wonderful day.*

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 29, 2012 at 09:48 AM

LH

“ *Larry Holcombe lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Larry Holcombe - November 28, 2012 at 12:11 AM

LH

“ In 1987 I met a beautiful girl who stole my heart named Gretchen. I thank God for that because I had no idea that soon after that I would also have my heart stolen by her Mom Marilyn and for the next 25 years I witnessed a love of her kids, her husband and my hero Jack and all the grandchildren that I thought was only written in book and maybe the Brady Bunch. Granny's love was an inspiration to me and countless others and over the many years of sharing vacations, the raking leaves at the leaf party at the blue house, always being there when Jordan and Sawyer were growing up, and being able to do that for all her other grandchildren seems like a fairy tale, in short, "I felt but I know that I had the best mother-in-law in the world.

I am so terribly sad that she is gone, the overwhelming pain that it bears on her loved ones especially Jack, and all her kids, but I know that she is without pain and in heaven, but I will miss that loving smile, her sweet kiss when we were saying goodbye after any family get together and her endless love that she . Marilyn made me feel loved and I will never forget how caring and close she was to her very luck kids, her great husband Jack. I loved how Karl crafted the words that illustrated the greatness of Granny.

I will always love you Dranny and miss you forever. Your very luck son-in-law Larry,



Larry Holcombe - November 28, 2012 at 12:03 AM

LH

Gretchen, Granny and Heidi basking in the love that flowed from Marilyn

Larry Holcombe - November 28, 2012 at 12:10 AM

RD

Thank you so much for this, Larry.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - November 28, 2012 at 08:49 AM

JW

thanks larry, very nice

john wilson - November 28, 2012 at 04:53 PM

RG

“ I will never be able to write anything as beautiful as many of my family members, so I won't even try. But I would like to share some of my very favorite memories of Granny (in no particular order);

1. When I was little, every time I went to see Granny and Grandpa she would give me an empty pimento jar, which she had filled with goodies (m & m's, peanuts, raisins etc)
2. Ringing her front door bell and watching her peek out the window and smile when she saw us standing there.
3. Seeing her stand on the deck and wave to us as we drove away from her house.
4. Getting an advent calender in the mail from Granny for me and then my boys every year during the last week of November.
5. Magical Christmas Eve celebrations at Granny's house and especially Granny's yummy cookies and cranberry punch.
6. Granny's beautiful smile and laugh.
7. Going out to eat on Saturday nights and trying out the veggie burgers everywhere that had them.
8. The time we took a limo to see John Prine in concert (Granny was so excited and wanted all of her neighbors to see her getting in a limo)
9. The sleepover for all the girl cousins at Granny's big blue house when there was a "bungler."
10. Easter egg hunts with the "Golden Eggs."
11. Making doughnuts with Granny and Nicole.

This list could go on and on, but I will stop now. I just want to tell you how much I love and miss you, Granny. I don't know how we will go on without you, but I know that the love you gave to us all with get us through. Love always, Rachel

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 09:46 PM

RD

Thank you so much for sharing these memories, Rachel. Your devotion and love to Granny and Grandpa is so beautiful. I'm sorry and I really wish the true story of the plates had been told at the services, but I did later tell the Pastor.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - November 29, 2012 at 02:23 PM

GH

“ Not only was she the BEST Mom a girl/woman could ask for and the BEST Granny to my boys, she was my friend. I called her every day, I spent almost every vacation with her, we shared our love of books, talked about movies, talked about what we were fixing for dinner and shared recipes and so much more. She is and always has been my role model. When others talked of college and careers, all I ever wanted was to be a mom, like my mom. My new goal is to have have people call me the kindest sweetest person they ever met, but I will never come as close to that as my Mom. I love you and will miss you every single day. Gretchen

Gretchen Wilson Holcombe - November 27, 2012 at 09:33 PM

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Nicole Wilson Rogers - November 27, 2012 at 09:09 PM

RG

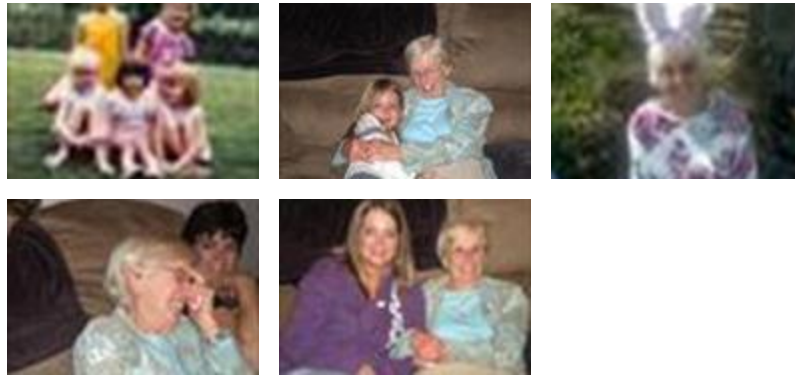
Many of my very favorite memories happened in that room :)

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 09:19 PM

NR

“ My dear Granny. I hear your voice inside my head. I see your smile all around me. My mind is overflowing with wonderful memories of you. Your cookie jar, your little tubes of Avon lipstick that I loved playing with when I was little, your rice crispie chicken, valentines cookies, Christmas cookies, Christmas punch, the night you had the sleep over for all the girl cousins, letting us take showers in the "cool" basement shower, camping, the BEST gifts at Christmas-I will never forget my grocery cart or my school desk, garage sales at Gertrude, making homemade doughnuts and letting me put as much powdered sugar on them as I wanted, my list goes on and on. Thank you for giving me the best father a girl could ask for but most importantly thank you for raising such wonderful children, without that our family wouldn't be as strong and together as we are. You were the heart of our family Granny and the only thing helping me thru this is knowing how close we all are and I have the most beautiful guardian angel watching over me now. I love you!!!!

Nicole



Nicole Wilson Rogers - November 27, 2012 at 09:06 PM

RG

We couldn't ask for a more perfect angel to watch over us.

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 09:48 PM

RD

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Rebecca Wilson Dyer - November 27, 2012 at 07:37 PM

RD

“ I cannot find all the right words that so many here have been able to express. I can only tell you what you already know -- who my Mother was and is.

Boundless love: For Family - her Husband, her children, each and every single grand and great grandchild. All of those in need and all of those she knew as well as those she never met.

Children, flowers, butterflies, and birds. Her home and heart is and has always overflowed with all of these.

Church, Faith, and Service.

Compassion, understanding, selflessness, kindness, and tremendous generosity.

Sun, water, sand, laughter, play, and adventure.

God's great Earth and God's love.

If you know her, you already know the list is endless and you understand.

Please pray for my Father. His List is just as endless and his loss is profound, as is all of ours.

God be with us all at this time of loss and unbearable sorrow. God help us and strengthen us all to become more like her.

Please, as I will, strive to rejoice in her peace and reunion with all her dear family members who have passed before her, and with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 27, 2012 at 06:46 PM

RG

I love you, Aunt Becky!

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 08:43 PM

JW

“*Dear mom, as I walk with tears on this place called earth, the empty feeling in my heart makes me want to be with you. From this day forward, i will never fear death. i love you mom, john bone.*

john wilson - November 27, 2012 at 05:15 PM

RD

Oh, Johnny, you are making me cry. Bless your heart, we will get through this, even if only for Mom and Dad. You still have a very long walk ahead. I love you.

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 27, 2012 at 07:05 PM

RG

I love you, Uncle John. You'll get through this!

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 08:39 PM

RD

John, as you walk this place called Earth, please never forget that you will never walk alone. Mom will still be walking with you. And you still have many reasons to be here and I know that you know all their names.

Rebecca Wilson Dyer - November 28, 2012 at 07:48 AM

JP

“*Jonathan And Aileen Pearlman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Jonathan and Aileen Pearlman - November 27, 2012 at 03:26 PM

JP

Mark and family, we express our heartfelt sympathy for you in this difficult time. You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Love Jon and Aileen

Jonathan and Aileen Pearlman - November 27, 2012 at 03:27 PM

HC

“ *Where Dreams are made, Wishes come true, and Life is Joyful - Granny's Old Blue House*



Heidi Wilson Cartwright - November 27, 2012 at 12:57 PM

RG

I wanna go back!

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 08:42 PM

HW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Heidi wilson-cartwright - November 27, 2012 at 11:26 AM

RD

This is my Mother, through and through! Beautiful from head to toe, inside and out.

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 27, 2012 at 03:32 PM

KC

“ How I go on...

*When I meet you for the first time, I will make you feel like family
When I ask you a question, I will really listen to the answer
When I smile, you too will smile
When I laugh, you too will laugh
When its time to gather the family, I will want everyone there
When I order food at a restaurant, I will trade with jack when its not
what I thought it was
When I give you a hug, I will hold on tight
When I go to the beach, I will stay up late, making the most of each
day
When I play charades, I will find a way to lay on the floor
When its time to part, I will linger, keeping you for just a little longer*

*I will know my children, and their spouses
I will know my Grandchildren and their friends
I will know my Great Grandchildren and what makes them smile*

All of this, I am sure to fail.

*But when my time is done and I am approaching the gates, I will
beep twice in hopes that granny will meet me in the driveway.*

*My Love to the Wilson Family
Karl*

Karl Cartwright - November 27, 2012 at 08:53 AM

RD

*Thank you so much, Kaz. This has brought me both laughter and tears.
I am so grateful to know someone who knew my Mother so well and is
able to tell everyone who she was and is in the very best of words! I will
cherish this poem forever. Thank you again.*

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 27, 2012 at 03:36 PM

JW

thank you Karl, simply awesome.

john wilson - November 27, 2012 at 05:03 PM

RG

Beautiful words about our most beautiful Granny!

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 08:41 PM

MW

*I sit here reading everyones posts and feel the love and heartache that we all know...but most importantly...the strong power of love...Granny Marilyn Had Endless Love...I feel truly blessed to have had her for my mother-in-law and more. Cherish The Love
Mickey Wilson*

Mickey Wilson - November 27, 2012 at 08:48 PM

GH

I love this Kaz and especially the mention of laying on the floor while playing Charades!! What will we ever do? Things will never be the same.....

Gretchen Holcombe - November 27, 2012 at 10:09 PM

AA

“Gretchen, my heart is with you and all of your family. As I remember your Mom, a smile comes across my face, she was so patient, kind and accepting of who we were as children and adults. Love & Prayers to you & your entire family, Anita

Anita Adams - November 27, 2012 at 08:50 AM

GH

Thank you, Anita!

Gretchen Wilson Holcombe - November 27, 2012 at 10:33 PM

AA

“ *Anita Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Joy Wilson*



Anita Adams - November 27, 2012 at 08:44 AM

BG

“ *Sending love to the entire family and a huge hug to Heidi Wilson-Cartwright. Wish I could have known your Mother, Heidi. Much love, Billie and Kayla Goodman*

Billie B. Goodman - November 27, 2012 at 07:56 AM

MF

“ If I could describe Marilyn in one word it would be "homemaker". She knew how to make her home welcoming and beautiful. She could have inspired Norman Rockwell paintings. She used routines and traditions to make her family feel secure and look forward to everyday life as well as holidays. I always enjoyed knowing what to expect on Easter, the 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve suppers, opening gifts upstairs and the fabulous cookies and candies she spent weeks preparing before Christmas Eve. She was a wonderful cook and I still enjoy making so many of her recipes - broccoli casserole, bean casserole, cheesy potatoes, hamburger gravy, banana milk and last but not least-bacon grease cookies. I learned about how wonderful spatulas were to use in a kitchen and to wipe off the top of casserole dishes before cooking I enjoyed many things around their table-Charles Chips, butter, lots of "old stories" as they would call them and how they decided kitchen cleanup with a deck of cards. In their kitchen you would usually see her little pottery coffee mug, some empty pimento jars she saved to fill with little goodies for grandchildren, a fish tank sometimes with a D-E-A-D fish-as she explained to grandchildren what kind of fish floated upside down.

Jack and Marilyn devoted a whole room to toys and play room. They wanted their grandchildren to feel welcome and enjoy being in their home. Marilyn loved to wrap a baby up tightly and rock them while patting them on the back. She always said she gave her babies cottage cheese and applesauce at night. She glued pictures of her family's faces on a set of paper dolls and made a beautiful display on the mantle. They had wooden strips of wood on the wall behind the couch so they could display lots of photos and proudly displayed her children's artwork all over her home. The grandchildren looked forward to receiving an advent calendar in the mail and were never disappointed. We also enjoyed her advent wreaths.

Marilyn was brilliant. She was very well read, continually learning and seemed interested in so many things. She was a walker, swimmer, square dancer, made sweaters, blankets and embroidered shirts for grandchildren. She could even make root beer and doughnuts!

*I never remember the TV being on when I was in the Wilson home. People and conversation were the focus.
I think Marilyn was the ideal role model for being a mother in law. She gave advice very sparingly but when she did it was valuable and appreciated. I have learned so much from Marilyn-mostly just by watching her. I love her dearly and she has so enriched my life. Her life has impacted so many others positively. She was always part of the solution rather than part of the problem. I appreciate her love and kindness to me and my children and am so grateful to God for letting her be a wonderful part of our lives.
I will see you in heaven dear friend. Martha*

Martha Farmer - November 26, 2012 at 05:05 PM

RD

Martha, this means the world to me. Thank you so very much.

Rebecca W. Dyer - November 27, 2012 at 03:40 PM

JW

thank you martha so much. you have no idea what all of this means to each and every one of us. thank you again.

john wilson - November 27, 2012 at 07:26 PM

RG

Thanks, Mom :)

Rachel Wilson Graves - November 27, 2012 at 08:40 PM

MF

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Martha Farmer - November 26, 2012 at 04:03 PM