



## Doris Mae Wilson

March 1, 1929 - November 18, 2025

With hearts full of love and sorrow, our family announces the passing of Doris Mae Wilson of Clawson Michigan. She was born on March 1, 1929 in Detroit to Alfred and Helen (Baker) Rock. Doris married Arthur Lee "Jim" Wilson on Dec 21, 1946, a loving union that lasted 53 years until Jim passed in 1999.

Doris was a woman whose life was nothing short of magical. Born during the Great Depression and shaped by the changing times, Doris carried an inner strength that was always softened by her kindness, her warmth, and her unwavering respect for every person she met. She moved through the world gently, speaking with love-other than when she won at Bingo!

Doris's greatest joy came from her family. She poured her heart into her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with her whole heart, and made them each feel truly seen and special. Lives were brightened by her during everyday moments-tiny hands covered in dirt from outdoor adventures, afternoons spent playing dress-up or Tonka trucks, rolling playdough, or inventing little worlds that she created right alongside us. She didn't just watch life happen from the sidelines, she lived in those moments with us, laughing, imagining, and reminding us what it meant to be loved without condition.

Her tenderness extended far beyond people. Doris's love for animals was enchanting. Wild and injured animals seemed to recognize the safety of her

presence, appearing on her back deck every night, literally knocking on her door. She fed them scraps of dinner-or sometimes graham crackers-and watched over them with the same care she gave her family. To witness her with these little creatures was to see who she was at her core: gentle, patient, and full of kindness.

Doris's home was more than a place-it was a refuge. It was where tears were dried, scraped knees were soothed, and cake or coffee fixed almost anything. Whether it was Christmas in Clawson or summertime on Wiggins Lake, she welcomed everyone who walked through her door with a smile, a hug, and a sense of belonging.

She taught us how to love in the way she lived. She showed compassion, dignity, and respect in everything she did. She taught us to value all things, especially if duct tape could fix them.

The loss of Doris leaves an ache that will be felt through every branch of our family tree. And yet, her presence remains-with every memory, every story, and every moment she lived with joy.

Doris is survived by her daughter Julie Gird of Clawson, who lovingly cared for her in her home, her son Jim (Tina) of White Lake, her son Bob (Mary Anne) of Dryden, grandchildren Jessica, Adam (Amy), Aaron (Sara), Desiree (Scott), Kyle (Kelsey), Becky, and Charlie, and her great grandchildren: Aidan, Evan, Brady, Layla, Ciara, Leo, Olivia, Brandon, Maddex, Travis, Bodhi.

A celebration of Doris' life will be held on Friday, November 28, 2025, gathering from 11:00 a.m. until her service at 1:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak. Please share a story or Doris or leave a tribute at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

NOV **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doris Mae Wilson.* ”



November 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *With love, Tim & Karen Gudobba & kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Mae Wilson.* ”

**With love, Tim & Karen Gudobba & kids** - November 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Doris Mae Wilson.* ”



November 26, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Mae Wilson.* ”



November 26, 2025 at 09:14 AM

CW

“ Oh Mae what can I say, you were the best mother in law ever. My message only a few will understand but here it goes. I will forever remember, taxi cabs and bridges, air conditioners and windows, BINGO, one arm bandits, water buckets and basements, motor homes, picking sandwiches apart, huge cinnamon rolls, card playing, etc, etc. With a heavy heart I will miss you, but I have the best part of you, Jim.  
Love you to the moon and back.  
Tina

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**Christina Wilson** - November 25, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Mae Wilson.



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November 25, 2025 at 03:07 PM

MB

“ Melinda Gird, Shelby & Alec Bezerra purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Doris Mae Wilson.



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**Melinda Gird, Shelby & Alec Bezerra** - November 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM

JW

“ *I Remembered*

*I remember Christmas mornings with all the gifts placed so perfectly.*

*Such a vivid memory of the love shown for my sister, brother, and me.*

*The hot breakfasts served in bed every morning was such a treat.*

*So good and perfectly prepared, my favorite was cream of wheat.*

*I was taught to love and respect animals which is now a big part of me*

*We had bunnies, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, ducks, turtles, and an alligator you see.*

*So many other things, like homemade eggnogs vanilla pudding, and always a home cooked meal*

*The family vacations and family life, when it came to mothers, I got the very best deal*

*Before every school year, I remember cloths and supplies shopping for me*

*I had that special pencil box and looked the best I could be*

*But my mom was more than that, she loved her husband, family and life*

*She was the most caring compassion person to everyone and a cherished wife*

*It all boils down to a beautiful heart that was created from above*

*If I were to use just one word to describe my mom it would simply be love*

*I will always love you mom*

*Love.....Jim*

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**Jim Wilson** - November 23, 2025 at 03:57 PM

PE

“ I worked at Hollywood market with Doris and her daughter Julie very kind and loving people. I'm very sure she will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family at their time of sorry💔🙏

Pat Easterday - November 22, 2025 at 09:12 AM

TM

“ Our family lived next door to the Wilson's for over 50 years. They were the best neighbors. My parents traveled with Mr and Mrs Wilson and they all enjoyed traveling after raising their kids. Mrs Wilson was young at heart and always active. I'm not surprised she lived such a long life. We were lucky to have her in our lives when we were growing up.

Theresa Morin - November 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

FP

Mrs Wilson was the last of neighbors and friends who traveled together.this group along with my parents had the best of times!all will and our missed.

Fran Perry - November 21, 2025 at 07:03 PM

PM

“ Patty Ingram & Sandy Meshekey purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of Doris Mae Wilson.



Patty Ingram & Sandy Meshekey - November 21, 2025 at 01:46 PM