



Marilyn Wilt

September 23, 1931 - December 13, 2024

Marilyn Marie Wilt, a devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to all, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2024 at the age of 93. Her departure was as she lived—surrounded by the love, stories, and tight-knit warmth of those she cherished.

A spirited soul from the start, Marilyn was born on September 23, 1931, in Highland Park, Michigan, to David and Donna (née Fosnacht) Stamy. As a child, Marilyn called Huntington Woods home before moving to Madison Heights, Mt. Clemens and finally Royal Oak. She was a proud graduate of Royal Oak High School and carried her drive for learning forward by earning her Associate of Arts Degree in 1952 from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Marilyn continued her education at Eastern Michigan University, where she achieved her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in 1954. Her passion for helping others led her to a fulfilling career at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where she worked as an occupational therapist from 1954 to 1957. After dedicating time to raising her family, she rejoined the workforce in 1988 as a paraprofessional in Special Education with Royal Oak Schools, enriching the lives of students until her retirement in 1991.

Known for her quick wit, warm smile, and impeccable ironing skills, Marilyn had many passions. From her care in the kitchen preparing her famous deviled eggs, baked beans, or snickerdoodle cookies to her ceramic studio in

the basement, artistically crafting home goods to adorn your holiday table. She had a spirited seat at the card table, playing bridge with several friend groups, challenging others at board games and piecing together puzzles. And most importantly, she never missed a milestone in which she sent heartfelt cards and scratch off tickets to celebrate the occasion.

Whether signing her cards by name or as Mom, Grandma, Auntie M or Super G, Her thoughtful gestures transcended generations, leaving lasting impressions on those she loved. Marilyn's devotion to her family and friends were only paralleled by her passion for animals. Known as an "animal magnet," she had a particular fondness for dogs and horses, who seemed to sense her kind and nurturing spirit. Her home was always open to visitors—two-legged or four—and she thrived on the joy of being surrounded by others. As a member of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak for many years, Marilyn's faith and connection to community were constants in her life.

Marilyn's spirit and legacy live on through her children, Donna (Mark) Borowy, Jim (Heidi) Wilt, Barb (Mark) Mendola, and the late John (Maria) Wilt. Her grandchildren—Jeremy (Cristina) Smith, Megan (Bob) Musumeci, Paul Wilt, Gretchen (Jake) Schell, Luke (Meredith) Wilt, Mike (Amanda) Mendola, David Mendola, and Maria Mendola—were her pride and joy, as were her great-grandchildren, Logan and Miles Musumeci. Marilyn also leaves behind the fond memories and enduring love of her late brothers, Donald (the late Virginia) Stamy and Bob (the late Margie) Stamy.

Marilyn's family will celebrate her incredible life with a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Blvd, on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation beginning at 10:00 am, followed by the service at 11:00 am. In honor of Marilyn's generous spirit, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak or Michigan Humane, two causes close to

her heart.

To share your memories and celebrate Marilyn's life, please visit www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

As Marilyn would say with a big smile on her face, "Lord love a duck"!

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
529 Hendrie Boulevard
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carol Burnett purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Wilt.



Carol Burnett - January 16, 2025 at 04:45 PM

FL

“ From Theresa Leung purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Wilt.



From Theresa Leung - January 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Marilyn Wilt.



January 15, 2025 at 06:09 PM



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

January 15, 2025 at 06:09 PM

TF

“ *The Young Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Wilt.*



The Young Family - January 15, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Wilt.*



January 13, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Wilt.*

January 13, 2025 at 07:31 PM

LF

“ *Lisa, Vince and the Mileto Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Marilyn Wilt.*



Lisa, Vince and the Mileto Family - January 05, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LM

“ I remember Marilyn Wilt as “Barb’s sweet mom”. Barb and I spent many years studying and working together as well as having fun. Ms. Wilt understood it all. She encouraged me like I was family, with words of wisdom, her personal life experiences, and cookies. Marilyn - such a sweet soul. She passed the trait to her children and grandchildren.

Lisa Mileto - January 05, 2025 at 04:25 PM

ST

“ Sherry and Chuck Tortora purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Marilyn Wilt.



Sherry and Chuck Tortora - January 05, 2025 at 11:22 AM

ST

“ Sherry and Chuck Tortora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Wilt.

Sherry and Chuck Tortora - January 05, 2025 at 11:22 AM

LF

“ Lisa & Vince Mileto and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Wilt.

Lisa & Vince Mileto and Family - January 04, 2025 at 10:38 PM

CT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cheryl Tortora - December 30, 2024 at 03:12 PM

CT

You will be missed every day!

Cheryl Tortora - December 30, 2024 at 03:13 PM

SU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



susan - December 27, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Wilt.



December 21, 2024 at 11:27 AM



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

December 21, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



rita dushaj - December 20, 2024 at 03:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Wilt.



December 16, 2024 at 08:26 PM