



Beverly Joanne Wilmoth

June 24, 1938 - December 1, 2022

Beverly Joanne Wilmoth was born in Onalaska, Washington, on June 24, 1938, to Olga and Henry Chappell. She grew up on an apple orchard with her sister and ten brothers. She graduated from Chehalis High School then met and married Marvin Earl Wilmoth, also known as Sparky, in 1956.

Sparky and Joanne raised their three children as they were stationed around the United States, while Sparky served in the United States Coast Guard. Joanne was a proud stay at home mother who took care of the house and children by herself while Sparky was on sea duty. The couple left Washington and they were transferred to Oregon, Florida, Ohio, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Missouri, Maryland, and eventually Oklahoma where they chose to stay and make a permanent home.

Joanne always showed great resilience when caring for her family. When Sparky was transferred to Key West, Florida, Joanne was to drive herself and the three children across the country alone. First, she had to learn to drive. Then, she traveled the journey to Florida and faced her fear of traveling the Overseas Highway and crossing the old Seven-mile bridge over the 18 to 22 feet deep ocean to get on the island.

When Hurricane Betsy occurred in the fall of 1965, Sparky went out to sea and Joanne took the children and went to the shelter to ride out the storm. She stacked the furniture high and left the family dog on top of it with a bed and food. After the storm, she cleaned up the debris and put the house back in order. Candy, the family dog made it through just fine, if you do not consider her fear of thunder and rain.

In Ohio, Joanne took care of the family during winter storms where snow drifts went to the top of the house. She even took in other military wives and their children when they needed assistance due to power outages and black out conditions. She was stoic and always did what needed to be done. She was always ready for Sparky to return from sea duty and met the ship every time it came in or left port.

Joanne always stayed close to her family back home. She visited her brothers often and always enjoyed visiting with them on the phone. In her later years, Joanne and Sparky spent time in Corpus Christi each winter. There she met her best friend, Wilma Jackson from Canada. Wilma and Joanne formed a strong bond and appreciated spending time swimming at the Y and shopping. Joanne especially liked shopping at Dillard's, in any

state she was in.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Go Ye Village in Tahlequah for caring for Joanne in the last few months. She had wonderful Hospice care, and she appreciated all everyone did to make her and Sparky comfortable. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Parkinson's Foundation at oklahomapa.org/donate/

Joanne will be missed greatly by Sparky, whom she adored and loved! She will also be missed by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. As Joanne walks with our Heavenly Father, we will always hold a piece of her in our hearts. We thank you Joanne for being such an incredible role model and for loving her family and friends unconditionally.

Viewing for Joanne will be 12PM-5PM Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

Joanne's celebration of life will be 11:30 Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Justin Kinman officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery at 12:30. The family of Beverly Joanne Wilmoth has entrusted her care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 7. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel
1224 E Poplar
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Committal Service

DEC 8. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beverly Joanne Wilmoth*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *I will never forget Aunt Joanne. She holds a special place in my heart. I have so many memories of her and Uncle Sparky taking me shopping, on trips around the northwest, and teaching me about life through their stories. I'm so glad I got to visit with them when they visited Washington a few years back. Sending my love to Uncle Sparky.*

Aunt Joanne, thank you for all the things you taught me, the adventures you took me on, and always loving me. I will never forget you. 💕💕



Autumn Music-Schmitz - December 11, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *We are deeply saddened. Joanne never forgot a birthday or holiday. She was thoughtful and driven by a strong family bond... Joanne was a beautiful sister-in-law. We enjoyed living near family in Corpus. This picture is from a happy time in all of our lives, sharing our first home with them.*

With love and respect,

Brother-in-law Charles Gholson and Wife, Sister-in-law, Brenna Petricko



Brenna Petricko - December 07, 2022 at 09:48 PM

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“ *Married to Grandpa since 1956. We will always hold Grandma in our hearts and she was loved dearly by so many. We love you Grandma*

Photo from 2012 when Grandma and Grandpa came to Virginia to see me graduate with my Masters.



Sparky Edwards - December 07, 2022 at 03:59 PM

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“ *JOAN NEE. I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU.*

Jeanne Paulsen - December 06, 2022 at 05:01 PM

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Such an amazing woman and married to grandpa for 56 years! We all love you grandma and will hold you in our hearts forever. She walks with the lord now and will always be loved by so many.

Sparky Edwards - December 07, 2022 at 03:54 PM