

*Celebrating the Life of  
Josephine (“Jo”) Lorraine Wilson*



*June 3, 1937 — August 10, 2023*

## *Josephine (“Jo”) Lorraine Wilson (Frunchak)*

Josephine (Jo) Wilson (Frunchak) passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the Grey Nuns Hospital. She is predeceased by her husband, Douglas (Skip) Wilson; brother Orest Frunchak; and parents George and Pearl Frunchak.

Jo is survived by son Al Wilson and his wife Theresa (Calgary); daughter Lori and her husband Allan and son Tyler (Edmonton); her sister Gloria and her husband, Ignazio Marino (Caccuri, Italy); niece, Tina Wenckowski (sons Troy and Kyle); nephew Jason Marino and his wife Tracy (sons Ethan and Jonah); special friend Richard (Dick) Paetzel as well as numerous cousins and many dear friends.

Born in Edmonton, Alberta on June 3, 1937, she grew up in Andrew, then Evansburg and Edmonton before marrying Douglas (Skip) Wilson in 1956. As Skip was a member of the RCMP, in their early years they were posted in Drayton Valley, Claresholm, Calgary, and Edmonton. Following Skip’s career with the RCMP, they settled long term in Edmonton.

Jo had a long career with the CIBC and made many special and longtime friendships through her work. She also worked for the Credit Union at the University of Alberta.

Jo absolutely loved Hawaii and made over 30 trips where she also built lasting friendships. Jo was also a passionate sports fan. She was incredibly knowledgeable around all aspects of hockey, football and baseball. She was able to spend time with the Stanley Cup during the Oilers run in the late 1980’s and in 1990 – and she was known to “tune in” the referees on occasion. She also loved music and sang in choirs much of her life. Most of all she was a compassionate woman of faith. She studied Scripture, attended Bible studies, volunteered and quietly supported many and prayed for hundreds every day.

The period of isolation brought on by the Covid pandemic was hard on Jo, but through that time she continued to reach out and phone friends and family to encourage them and stay connected. She found comfort in her virtual church services. She had an overly compassionate heart – always full of concern for others.

Jo was blessed by many including her Greenfield Community Church family. We would like to thank Dr. Pickle and Magrath Medical Clinic for their long-term care and support; as well as Dr. Mah, the Grey Nuns ICU, and Unit 41 for their compassionate care in the week before her passing.

At the end of the day Jo would say that her blessings were always bigger than her problems.

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Friday August 18, 2023, 1:00 pm  
Greenfield Community Church, Edmonton, AB  
Livestream: <https://greenfieldchurch.ca/jwilson>

**Order of Service**

Prelude	Andrea Reid
Welcome & Prayer	Tyler Williams, Pastor
Worship in Music: <i>Above All</i>	Worship Team
Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 31:8; John 14:1-6	Chris Reid, Pastor
Worship in Music: <i>Hear I am Lord</i>	Worship Team
Eulogy & Tribute	Dick Paetzel, Pastor Emeritus
Mom’s Story	Lori Schmidt, Daughter
Tribute from Sister and Extended Family	Jason Marino, Nephew
Meditation	Tyler Williams, Pastor
Video Presentation	Tyler Schmidt, Grandson
Worship in Music: <i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	Worship Team
Announcements & Benediction	Tyler Williams, Pastor
Postlude: <i>Peace I Leave With You</i> <i>Beautiful Is</i> (recording)	Andrea Reid Ignazio Marino, Brother-In-Law

*Luncheon to follow downstairs in the multipurpose room.*  
*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greenfield Community Church*  
*Benevolent Fund (<https://greenfieldchurch.ca/donate>)*

## *God Saw You Getting Tired*

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put his arms around you  
And whispered,  
Come to Me.

With tearful eyes we watch you  
And saw you pass away  
And although we love you dearly  
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove us  
He only takes the best.

