



## Joyce M. Wilgers

October 5, 2025

With deep love and gratitude for a life well-lived, we celebrate the homegoing of Joyce Marie Wilgers, who passed into the arms of her Savior on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at the age of 86.

Born in Russell, Kansas, to Louis and Clara Bieker, Joyce spent her life radiating warmth, grace, and unwavering faith. She made her home in Fort Collins, Colorado, where she shared 62 beautiful years of marriage with Phil Wilgers, the love of her life, who preceded her in death in 2021. Together, they built a legacy of love, laughter, and devotion to family and God.

Joyce was a gifted pianist, performing in her early years and later sharing her talent through teaching. Her music was a reflection of her soul—gentle, joyful, and full of praise. She led countless Bible studies over the years, nurturing hearts and pointing others toward Christ with wisdom and compassion. Her faith was not just spoken—it was lived, deeply and daily.

She found joy in the simple pleasures: spending time with her beloved family, mountain drives (with a McDonald's ice cream cone in hand of course!), and quiet moments of prayer and reflection. Her life was a testimony to Psalm 100:2—"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."

Joyce was preceded in death by her oldest son David, but is survived by her other children Chris (Tammy) Wilgers, Amy (Eric) Penniman, and Laurie (Kent) Bowen; her brother Carr (Charlie) Bieker, sister Linda (Jim) Collins and sister-in-law MaryLee (Nick) Warner; 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who will carry her love forward.

A celebration of Joyce's life and faith will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church (7755 Greenstone Trail, Fort Collins, CO 80525), on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 1:30 PM. All who knew her are invited to join in honoring her legacy and rejoicing in the promise of eternal life.

For a live stream of the service, please go to <https://live.redeemerconnect.com/>. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Joyce to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:23

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 1:30 PM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
7755 Greenstone Trail  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

JB

“Joyce was the kindest, most loving woman I have ever known and the sweetest of friends. Joyce and Phil invited me to a prayer and Bible study where I recommitted my life to Christ. The Wilgers were part of the leadership. Joyce befriended me and disciplined me in the word of God and in the way of God as she did with so many. Our friendship grew and flourished. When my husband Vern and I left Fort Collins to follow his career, Joyce was the person I would reach out to in my homesickness and she would always life me up and encourage me on my way, although I know she was missing me also. Her friendship was one of God's sweetest blessings to me. She loved her family with a passionate fierce love and was ever a faithful prayer warrior for each of them as well as many others. In Joyce's passing, the world has lost a sweet breath of God's love and heaven has gained a delightful pianist to help accompany the choir. To the family - cherish the memories from days past and live your life to the fullest. To her children, now you are the role models for future generations to know and follow Jesus. Take up the mantle that your parents have left you trained you for by their example. God bless you all.

*Joni Bosky*

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**Joni Bosky** - October 27, 2025 at 11:23 PM

JG

“Joyce was my first piano teacher and she truly changed the trajectory of my life by introducing me to music and then later teaching me how to open my own piano studio and teach students of my own. I had always knew I wanted to teach something but Joyce helped me see the gifts God had given me in music and how I could share them with others. I am forever grateful for her! These are pics of me (on the right in the first pic and on the left in the second pic) with my siblings at her piano recitals in the early 90's. I am going to deeply miss her! ❤️

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Joelle Gaspord - October 23, 2025 at 09:02 AM

AP

“These are from Romy Bieker :) Good Memories!



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Amy Penniman - October 20, 2025 at 12:25 PM

AP

“I miss you Mom 😭



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Amy Penniman - October 10, 2025 at 08:41 AM

DC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Darcea Collins** - October 08, 2025 at 11:45 PM

TW

“ 1 file added to the album *Joyce Memories*



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**Tammy Wilgers** - October 08, 2025 at 10:57 PM

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**Tammy Wilgers** - October 08, 2025 at 10:49 PM

MW

“ My earliest memories of my sister-in-law are, of course, as my big brother's girlfriend. I idolized her because she was so beautiful, AND she played piano like nobody's business!. I remember she played a piece I just loved called Serenade to a Blonde. We had the same piano teacher, and I remember begging Mrs. Hoage to let me play it, too. I practiced and practiced to the point that I could play it pretty well, but never as well as my brother's supremely talented girlfriend. In subsequent years, some of my favorite times together were when Joyce played and my brother and I sang...just some of many treasured memories of a woman who factored significantly in my life from the time I was 10 years old ❤️🙏  
~ Mary Lee Warner

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**Mary Lee Warner** - October 08, 2025 at 09:36 PM

AP

*I love this Aunt MaryLee! My favorite of hers, that I would always beg her to play, was bumblebee boogie! You've never seen fingers fly so fast across the keys!*

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**Amy Penniman** - October 09, 2025 at 11:45 AM

VE

*I feel as if I have known Joyce my whole life as she has been such an incredible influence for a majority of my adult life. She was with me through some of my more challenging times and we grew over the years to become partners in our Christian journey. Memories of a WOW--Women of the Word--Bible study that ran for 5 years with Joyce teaching and me organizing these appreciative ladies who benefited from her Godly Wisdom and loving words. And then there are memories I cherish of every 'encounter' when we would share openly our hearts to pursue and know God in a deeper way. Joyce had a gift of hearing from God and expressing His heart to others in a timely way. One of the greatest gifts she gave me was when she and Phil baptized me in the Holy Spirit. That opened a whole new door of possibilities, and she was thrilled that we now shared in this amazing gift from God. I am honored and will treasure the gift God gave me to be with her the last few days of her earthly life--speaking Shalom peace and having the assurance her time here was coming to an end and God's Biggest Promise lay ahead.*

*I thank this precious family for their lovingly sharing Joyce over the years!! She expressed gratitude for them every time we met--especially in the last 4 years!*

*May God's Peace and Love fill each of you with memories to last a lifetime!!!*

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**Verlane** - October 17, 2025 at 02:04 PM