



Marylyn Tysdal-Wylie

August 19, 2024

Marylyn Kay Tysdal-Wylie – A life well lived.

Marylyn was born November 12, 1937 to Arthur and Ruth Dow in Belle Fourche, SD. The oldest of two siblings. She was raised in Sturgis South Dakota where she met and married Joseph Tysdal. Marylyn and Joe had 3 children, Kelli, Kalene and Edmund. In 1963 they moved the family to LaPorte Colo. They immersed their selves in this small community full of friendship and support. Marylyn was instrumental in creating the LaPorte Volunteer Fire Dept. Her mother had died in a house fire when Marylyn was only 21 years young, with two babies under the age of two. She refused to live in a community without a fire department, so dad rallied the community and the LaPorte Volunteer Fire department was formed. Marylyn organized the women's auxiliary, "LaPorte Fire Hazards", helping support the community as needed.

Marylyn had very strong family values. She always chose careers that would allow her to put family first. She opened Tiz's Beauty Salon in our home in LaPorte. Allowing her to raise her own children as well as open her doors to all the neighborhood kids. We don't ever remember a time where there weren't 1 or 2 extra kids at the house at any given time. The next chapter in Marylyn's life was volunteering as a matron at the Larimer County sheriff's office, in parallel, she obtained her real estate license. Again, jobs that

allowed her to put family first. Eventually she became a full-time deputy with the sheriff's office, a career that led her to be the first female sergeant with the Larimer County Sheriff's office; a position she maintained while selling real estate. After hanging up her badge, Marylyn sold real estate full time until she and Joe moved to Gilroy California for Joe's company. In California, Joe and Marylyn became deeply involved with the Gilroy Elks lodge. Marylyn organized and chaired several of the Elks charity events. After Joe passed away in 1996, Marylyn moved back to Fort Collins.

Marylyn made sure her kids lived a life that would fill their hearts with memories. Including neighborhood kids! She flew with 7 kids to Wichita for lunch one day because the airline had a \$10 ticket promotion. Who does that? Marylyn! She was active in Girls Scouts, 4-H, and her community. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. They would spend summers with grandma and grandpa. Going on countless adventures, making memories to hold a life time. She was a Mom, Grandma, a Great Grandma, a Great, Great Grandma and Aunt Mame. The matriarch of 5 blessed generations. With each generation of grandchildren, new memories were always being made. They were her world, Marylyn often included her only nephew on these adventures.

After Joe passed away, Marylyn met Randall Wylie, they were married and lived in Ennis, Tx. While Marylyn was in Ennis, she found yet another small community that she could immerse herself in. She decided to organize the first Honor Flight for WWII veterans out of the state of Texas. She enlisted the help of friends and community. They took 32 veterans to Washington DC in 2008. She also worked with the city of Ennis to donate land and build a Veteran's Memorial Park. Marylyn, being larger than life gathered veterans, family, friends and town members to help design and build the most stunning tribute to veterans.

After Randall passed away in 2015, Marylyn continued to sell real estate with

her trusty real estate dog, Molly Mae Wylie. Molly showed many a property with Marylyn.

Marylyn decided she needed to be closer to her family, so during the height of Covid in 2020, Marylyn's daughters and grandson moved her back to Fort Collins. She absolutely enjoyed being home, fully surrounded by love and family. When her son and sister passed away in 2022, 1 week apart, something died in her heart. Her grief was overwhelming. Marylyn's Catholic faith again helped get her through some darkest hours in her life. Losing her mother, two husbands, a son and her sister.

Books could be written about the incredible life of Marylyn Kay Dow Tysdal-Wylie. Those who have had the privilege of knowing Marylyn, know that she openly loved and was easily loved. Marylyn's wit and sense of humor, and her ability to love and support made her a force to be reckoned with, in the best way possibly.

Marylyn passed away peacefully in the early hours of August 19th, 2024, her daughters and oldest grandchildren by her side. Her peaceful passing was made possible by the most incredible care givers at Poudre Valley Hospital. She touched the hearts of so many nurses and aides. As a family we were overwhelmed with the out pour of love given to mom in her final days. Marylyn's family will be forever grateful.

Marylyn was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Arleene, her husbands, Joseph and Randall, her son, Edmund and grandson, John Paul. She is survived by her daughters, Kelli (Allan), Kalene (Randal), Daughter in-law Carol (Edmund, deceased), her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and her great, great grandchildren and her only nephew Jon.

The statement “Heaven Gained An Angel Today” is clearly a testament to Marylyn. She is already deeply missed.

Rosary- September 19th, 7 p.m. Goes Funeral Care

Memorial Mass – September 20th, 10 a.m. Saint John XIII Catholic Church, Fort Collins, CO

Internment – Grandview Cemetery directly after the service

Reception/Buffer luncheon 1:00 p.m. American Legion Post 4, LaPorte CO, Hwy 287.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/C3SHMMG2LP8M2Y66>

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM (MT)

Goes Funeral Care & Crematory
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Suite E
Fort Collins, CO 80524
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Memorial Mass

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Saint John XXIII Catholic Church
1220 University Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Luncheon

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM (MT)

American Legion (Laporte)
2124 County Road 54G
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Marylyn Tysdal-Wylie



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - September 27, 2024 at 01:57 PM

KJ

Marilyn was my godmother. The last time I heard from her was when I graduated high school in 1975. She wrote me a beautiful letter and told me that when facing challenges in life to always turn to the Blessed Mother who had never let her down. I attended my class reunion a few weeks ago and have been thinking about that time in my life. I decided to see if I could find Marilyn. I'm so sorry it was too late. I will pray for the repose of her soul. I'd love to connect with Kelli Jo. We played together as children. Kelli, if you get this, find me on Facebook. Kimberly Johnson, Coeur D Alene, Idaho.

Kimberly Johnson - November 29, 2025 at 12:49 AM

TW

“ *There are no words to truly express how much Marylyn is loved and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her. This beautiful, awesome Lady was a Blessing from God in my life and she will forever hold a special place in my heart. Having her as my Dear Friend was truly an honor and privilege. My deepest condolences to her Family, whom she spoke of frequently and with so much love. Marylyn and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You.*

Theresa Wheeler - September 02, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JB

“ To know Marylyn was such a Honer, she was so caring, loving and a second mom to me in California. If it wasn't for her I would not be the person I am today. You will be missed dearly.

My condolences to the entire family!!

John Burns



John Burns - August 30, 2024 at 09:51 AM

MN

“ Marylyn was a dear friend, confidant and mentor! I loved her dearly! I always enjoyed our conversations & her bigger than life stories! I had the privilege of knowing both she & Randall! Marylyn never find an obstacle she could not over come! I am proud to have shared a short time of her life with her and will always be grateful to her for unconditional friendship!

Marlene Norcross - August 23, 2024 at 08:58 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Marylyn's passing. She was a beautiful person and always treated me like I was part of her family. My condolences to all her family.

John Hughes - August 21, 2024 at 01:21 PM

AL

I'm so sorry for loss of such a beautiful and amazing lady. I only knew Mrs.Marylyn a short period of time. In the short time her and her family became apart of my family. Marylyn was such amazing Woman and I am very blessed that I was able to care for her in her last days. This really breaks my heart for her family and friends. Marylyn and her family will always have a special place in my heart. Sending my love and prayers and huge tight tight tight hug.

Ashley Labelle - August 24, 2024 at 10:36 AM