



Marilyn Ellis

April 3, 1938 - December 17, 2021

Marilyn Ellis, age 83 of Purcell, passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, at Norman Regional Hospital. Marilyn Louise Wilkinson was born April 3, 1938 in Cedar Vale, KS, the older of two children born to Louis Joseph 'LJ' Wilkinson and Beulah Christine (Donohue) Wilkinson. She was raised in Cedar Vale and attended school there, graduating with the Class of 1956. By chance she met a young man, who had just returned from the service, and their first date was at a baseball game. She married Joseph Paul 'Joe' Ellis on May 17, 1959 in Cedar Vale. They spent part of their honeymoon, also at a baseball game, and this began their beautiful life together. By 1962, Joe and Marilyn had settled in Purcell. Joe was working for the railroad, and Marilyn looked after the home. She was the proud mother of two children, daughter Pam, and son Ronnie. Marilyn was a woman of great faith and longtime member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell. For more than 23 years, she worked as the church secretary, but Marilyn served the church in many other ways. She was a Rotary Cook, taught Sunday School, led a prayer chain and served as a door greeter. Marilyn was an avid sports fan. She played co-ed softball and was an avid bowler, and a staunch supporter of the Purcell Dragons. Side by side with Joe, she traveled all over the state supporting her team, and she attended 311 Dragon football games. She was a founding member of the Mama Dragons and supported Purcell schools in many other ways. When given the chance, she would trade her Dragon red for Jayhawk blue, and she traveled all over the United States to

cheer for Kansas basketball. Marilyn served her community whenever she could, as a member of the Election Board, and a Co hostess at the railroad depot. Marilyn was a beautiful soul with a welcoming smile, kind and considerate, and gave much of herself for others. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her son, Ronnie Ellis, and her parents, L J and Beulah Wilkinson and her brother Kenneth Wilkinson.

She is survived by: her husband of 63 years, Joe Ellis of the home; her daughter, Pam Ellis Hobbs and husband John of Purcell; 3 granddaughters, Haleigh Wood of Purcell, Julie Wood Scroggins and husband Randy of Pauls Valley and Brylie Hobbs of Purcell; 3 great grandchildren, Kadie, Sydnee and Adaline, and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Little's Chapel, Wilson-Little. Burial will follow at the Hillside Cemetery. The service will be livestreamed on our website, www.wilsonlittle.com and our Facebook page, Wilson Little. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, Purcell, OK.

Tribute Wall

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“Marilyn was such a delight. I always looked forward to her sweet smile and warm welcome when I returned to Trinity UMC or happened to run into her when visiting Purcell. My thoughts go out to Joe, Pam and the rest of the family.

D'Ray Moore - December 31, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“Marilyn was a beautiful lady, and I know she will be missed by a lot of people. I always enjoyed seeing her at our Donahue reunions. my prayers for allthe family. Jody Odell

Nancy Odell - December 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“Pam,
We are thinking of you, your dad and family.
Your mom was such a sweet lady and we
always enjoyed the times we shared with her.
Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.



Cindy & Alan Lantz & Linnie Smith - December 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“Marilyn was always such a cheerful person. Years ago, we worked together on school projects. My son, Steve Wade, was in the same class as Ron. May she Rest In Peace. She was a great person

Agnes Wade Wells - December 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My prayers go out to the Ellis family. Marilyn had such a kind heart. She and Joe have given much to Purcell over several decades....Dragons through and through. Many already realize this sweet soul left us far too soon. May God embrace you all during this time.* 🙏



Debbie (Hawkins) Clanton - December 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM