



Marilyn (Maxim) Wilson
November 13, 1928-April 15, 2021

Marilyn (Maxim) Wilson, affectionately known as "Mother Dear," went to be with the angels on April 15, 2021 at her home in San Antonio, at the age of 92. She was born November 13, 1928 to Walter and Doris (Ellingwood) Maxim in Bethel, Maine. The family later moved to South Paris, Maine, where she graduated from high school and later attended business school before enlisting in the US Air Force.

She was the voice of reason, stability and peace in our family. She wasn't an outwardly expressive type of mom, but she didn't need to be because we all felt her love. Through her gifts of cooking and baking, handcrafting blankets and afghans, endless acts of service and her forgiving heart she expressed her love not only to her own family, but to countless family friends who she welcomed in, treating them as her own as a "second mom".

She married Air Force MSgt. George Wilson in 1951. Together, they lived and traveled around the world, serving their country and raising five children.

We are proud of her lifelong service to our country, first in the Air Force, then as the wife of a Diplomat, along with multiple Civil Service assignments, and finally as a citizen of the Greatest Generation. Much of her work in Civil Service was in military libraries as she had a passion for reading and learning which she shared with us all.

Until the end of her life she faithfully read the newspaper and her Bible devotions, cooked (or least shared her secrets), kept her home tidy, grew and tended to her beautiful flowers and hand wrote countless cards and letters. She loved sharing family history stories and pictures with her children and grandchildren. She treasured her Maine town history books documenting our ancestor's lives and proud of her Mayflower descendancy. Underneath her gentle, shy demeanor her sharp-witted, comical character was revealed, which made herself and those around her laugh every day. With her Maine accent and colorful Yankee expressions she entertained us with stories of the good old days and her adventures living and traveling around the world.

Marilyn will be forever missed by her children Melanie Wyma (Caledonia, Michigan), Valerie Wilson (Kennewick, Washington), Paul Wilson (Johnson City), Leslie (James) Howe (San Antonio); her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and dear sister Pearl Hamlin, along with all those with whom she shared her light.

She was preceded in death by husband George Wilson, step-son Craig Wilson, daughter Rosalie Wilson, her parents, Walter and Doris (Ellingwood) Maxim, brothers Harold and Timothy Maxim, Wayne Ellingwood, and sisters Thelma (Maxim) Holden and Barbara (Maxim) Jones.

Our family would like to thank the gentle home health caregivers, Texas Healthcare Solutions, Avionn Healthcare and VITAS Hospice, who gave Marilyn and her family such compassionate care.

The military honors funeral will take place at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, Shelter #3 in San Antonio on Friday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. A reception for family and friends immediately following from 10:30-12:00 at Northridge Park Pavilion, 821 Chevy Chase, San Antonio, TX.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Wreaths Across America, San Antonio Chapter, P.O. Box 460043, San Antonio, TX 78236.

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