



## Melanie Crawford Wilson

January 11, 1938 - March 26, 2024

Melanie Carroll Crawford Wilson, 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on March 26, 2024. She was born January 11, 1938 in Hot Springs, Arkansas to Gabe Crawford and Melanie Boone Crawford. Melanie grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from Mount St. Mary Academy in 1955. In 1956 she met and married the love of her life, Conrad Wilson. The first of 8 babies was born a year later. Melanie insisted on a Catholic education for her children and they each attended St. John's Catholic School. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Hot Springs for 66 years and worked tirelessly donating her time and energy toward various school and parish projects. She was a member and current president of a parish women's group, the Morning Circle, where she coordinated various services to the church and other community organizations. She was a volunteer at CHI St. Vincent Hospital for more than 18 years. She was a true servant of God.

Melanie was loved by so many, always had time to listen and was always thinking of others. Many appreciated her motherly advice and wisdom. She enjoyed having a full house and the sounds of all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren delighted her more than anything else. Her home was filled with faith, family, friends and music.

Melanie was preceded in death by her parents, grandmother Ada Boone, husband Conrad Wilson, daughter Susan Wilson, granddaughters Susan

Stough and Mallory Mika and great grandson Ben Fields.

She is survived by her children, Jan Whisenhunt (Jim), Mel Mika (Mike), Lyn Harrison (Barrett), Gay King (Derek), Kay Roberts (Bob), Kim Dudley (David), Ray Wilson (Vicki), her cousin Mary Kelley, her 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

A special thank you to Dr. Robert Muldoon and the entire team at Genesis Cancer and Blood Institute, Arkansas Hospice Hot Springs, and all of her special friends from St. John's Catholic Church.

Rosary will be at 10:00 AM with funeral mass to follow at 10:30 AM, Monday, April 1, 2024 at St. John's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to St. John's Catholic Church or St. John's Catholic School.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
Hot Springs, AR

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Laura Mata lit a candle in memory of Melanie Wilson*



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**Laura Mata** - April 08, 2024 at 08:45 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Harry Childs lit a candle in memory of Melanie Wilson*



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**Kathy & Harry Childs** - April 02, 2024 at 05:56 PM

LG

“ *Merrill and I send our condolences to the Wilson family. We are so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. You can take comfort she is joyfully resting in the arms of Jesus and reunited with her heavenly family now. God bless.*

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**Lisa Green** - April 01, 2024 at 06:14 PM

MF

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences. Mel was always so sweet to us both. We will miss not being able to see her beautiful smile Love Michael and Marie Funk.*

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**Michael and Marie Funk** - March 29, 2024 at 02:56 PM

DD

“ Kim and family, I join so many others in expressing sorrow at the death of Numpy. It was such a blessing to be able to spend time with her, celebrating her birthday (and yours, Kim) in Dallas in January. She still had that special light in her eyes and was game for anything (as usual)! I have many happy memories of spending time with her at occasional family gatherings to celebrate weddings, birthdays and graduations. She loved spending time with her friends and family so much and she made every occasion just that much more fun! While I'm deeply sad at her passing, I also celebrate the fact that she is now healthier and more alive than she has ever been, and is in the presence of her Savior whom she followed her whole life. She will be deeply missed but she leaves a wonderful legacy through all of you. She was so proud of you all and she loved well (a trademark of one who follows Jesus so closely). Praying for all of you as you celebrate (and grieve) a life so well lived. My love to you all - Dana Dudley

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**Dana Dudley** - March 29, 2024 at 02:00 PM

IC

“ Melanie, or as I called her “mom” was such a beautiful woman inside and out. She smiled all the time and it was very obvious how proud she was of each one of her children (and there are a lot of them!) and their spouses and grand kids. What a special blessing for mom to have such a loving family surrounding her with love, support and care for her to the end. Words cannot express enough on her impact on the world with that sweet smile and kind spirit. Melanie will be missed on earth but, we will all get to see her in Heaven one day. ❤️

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**Irene Clements** - March 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM

SH

“ Mrs. Mika - we are so sorry for your loss! She sounds like a wonderful mom who passed on her love of Jesus to you. We are keeping your family in our prayers. Love, Mary Frances, Lucy, and the whole Harlan Family

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**Sally Wade Harlan** - March 28, 2024 at 09:08 AM

GR

“ Ms. Mel was one of the kindest souls. She was my chosen godmother upon entering the church at St. Johns. Her care for the pre-K children at vacation bible school each summer was unparalleled. She loved everyone like they were her own. It did not matter who you were, she did not have a mean word to say about anyone. She will be truly missed.

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**Greg** - March 28, 2024 at 08:51 AM

DO

“ Jan and family,  
We are thinking about you and all of your family. I know your precious mama will be missed by all who loved her.  
May God wrap you and everyone that loved her tighter in the days to come.  
May God Bless you always.  
Diane & Anthony



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**Diane Orsburn** - March 27, 2024 at 07:44 PM

DR

*Kay and family, so sorry*

*Your mom has passed. I am sure she will be sorely missed by all of you . What an example she set for her girls. I can see that example personified in you Kay.*

*Please know we are there even though we are not there to console you and hug on you.*

*May God bless you all . Look into the mirror and look inside yourselves and you will know she is still alive in you. Love Dianne roberts*

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**Dianne Roberts** - March 28, 2024 at 08:44 PM

SW

*Numpy's family, I was so sorry to hear of Numpy's passing. However, I know she has earned a high place in Heaven and is again united with the love of her life, Conrad. She was one of the kindest people I ever was blessed to know. I am so proud to be able to say she was my friend.*

*You and your family are in my prayers. Sincerely, Susie White*

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**Susie White** - April 01, 2024 at 11:41 PM