



Joyce Eleanor Wiltse

March 22, 1921 - September 24, 2013

Joyce Eleanor Wiltse (92) peacefully passed onto her final journey home on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. Her loving survivors include daughter Jackee Lee and husband, Dallas Mickey; son Jeffrey D.; and son Jamison B. and wife, Christie Sue; grandchildren Kristiane Michelle (Tia) and husband, Chris Marquez, Monica Parks Baker, Edward Parks and wife, Mary, Aaron J.B. Wiltse, and Joshua B. Wiltse, as well as several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Joyce was born in Bemidji, Minnesota on March 22, 1921 and lived her childhood enjoying the glories of growing up on a farm outside of small town Nebish, Minnesota where the hardships of growing up during the depression were far outweighed by the magic of snowbound winters and childhood play. She graduated from Bemidji State Teachers college with a BA in English and soon went to work as a teacher for Bemidji High School. She withstood the loss of her first husband to the horror of World War II only to find the love of her life in her husband Leon Wiltse, married in 1952, who preceded her in death in 1995. She was also preceded in death by all eight of her siblings and her parents Chester and Amy Dietel. Joyce and husband Leon moved to New Mexico in 1953, where she settled into home making, and raising her three children. Joyce remained committed to and active in her Beta Sigma Phi sorority throughout her life maintaining life-long friendships with all of her 'sisters.' Joyce also dedicated her life to serving the First Presbyterian Church, actively participating in the Women's organization both on a local level and a national level, accepting the service of Deacon

many times over, and promoting and building Christ's love through charity. The family wishes to thank Lynne Pryor and Debbie Haugen, all of the loving caretakers at Casa Palo Duro and her caring nurses and staff at Hospice de la Luz for their love and support of Joyce over her last years. Joyce's life will be celebrated on Wednesday October 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Lomas. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Joyce's favorite charities: Animal Humane Society (in loving memory of her little Misty) or the Albuquerque Rescue Mission (to care for others).

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Lomas)
10500 Lomas Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 275-3500
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Eleanor Wiltse*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My love and prayers to you, Jay and family. Joyce and I worked together in Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church for several years. She was a consistent role model, faithful member of the family of faith. She showed me what commitment to extra mile giving meant, among other things. Blessings and peace to you, Susan Keil Smith, deacon and PW member, FPC, Albuquerque*

Susan K. Smith - October 02, 2013 at 07:35 AM

GV

“ *Gail Wiltse Vodjansky lit a candle in memory of Joyce Eleanor Wiltse*



Gail Wiltse Vodjansky - September 30, 2013 at 05:13 PM

GV

“ *Jackee, Jeff, Jay, and families you're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Gail & family

Gail (Wiltse) Vodjansky - September 30, 2013 at 05:11 PM

ME

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences from Michelle Edwards, New Mexico Gas Company.*

Michelle Edwards - September 30, 2013 at 12:17 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Eleanor Wiltse.*



September 30, 2013 at 11:22 AM

SH

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

Shelia Hocker - September 28, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 28, 2013 at 01:51 PM



What a lovely woman. A great gain for the kingdom of Heaven.

Lynne Pryor - October 01, 2013 at 08:42 AM