



Amelia Josephine Wilhite

May 11, 1920 - July 6, 2009

Amelia Josephine (Crosariol) Wilhite, 89, of Conway died on July 6, 2009. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 11, 1920. During her lifespan, she was a baker, seamstress, and social worker before retiring in 1984 as the athletic dormitory resident at the University of Central Arkansas, where she was affectionately known as 'Mama Bear'. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway, and also a past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was the beloved matriarch of her extended family and enjoyed baking, canning, cooking, crocheting, gardening, and sewing. For much of her life, she lived in the communities of Little Italy and Wye Mountain in Pulaski County and the communities of New Dixie and Houston in Perry County. Preceding her in death were her husband, John Wilhite Sr.; her daughter, Tina Lyn (Wilhite) Miller; her parents, Felemia and Luigi Crosariol; her godfather, Pete Giacometi; and six of her seven brothers: Peter Crosariol, John Crosariol, Anthony Crosariol, David Crosser, Angelo Crosariol, and Albert Crosariol.

She is survived by brother, Richard Crosariol of Indianhead, MD; sons and daughters-in-law John and Paula Wilhite, Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, TX and William C. 'Lum' and Debra Wilhite of Conway; daughter and son-in-law, Johnette and Jade Goldman of Heber Springs; grandchildren Mica Wilhite of Dallas, TX; Heath Wilhite and wife Hollie of Conway; Erin (Wilhite) Sears and husband Kale of Plano, TX ; and three great grandchildren Madelyn Wilhite of Conway; Finnegan Sears and Greyson Sears of Plano, TX.

Pallbearers will be Heath Wilhite, Jade Goldman, Phillip Lipsmeyer, Terry Schafer, Chris Kordsmeyer, and Joe Mallett.

Visitation will be held at the Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton on Wednesday July 8th at 5:00 P.M. followed by the rosary service at 7:00 P.M. The funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway on Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 A.M. with the burial at Martindale Cemetery in Pulaski County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph School Endowment (St. Joseph Catholic Church Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 72 Conway, AR 72033 - www.sjse.org) or Martindale Cemetery (42600 Hwy 10, Bigelow, AR 72016).

Tribute Wall



“ *Amelia Josephine Wilhite*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *John, Paula, and family,*

We are sorry to hear of the loss of your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. I know that your faith in God will sustain you during this time. We are so thankful for your friendship and we want you all to know that you are in our prayers. God bless.

June 29, 2018 at 11:33 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear Aunt Amy has passed. I have a lot of wonderful memories of visiting Houston and seeing everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Carl & Colleen Thomas*

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Wilhite, We are very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dr. Gabbard and Staff of Animal Care Veterinary Center

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Wilhite and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. The video is a wonderful tribute and shows the joys of a beautiful family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless always!*

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Wilhite i'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Your family is in our constant prayers. May God comfort you during this time of sorrow.*

*Sincerely,
Kristy Davenport*

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Wilhite Family, Mrs. Wilhite was one of my delivery customers when I did deliveries for the Medicine Shoppe. I loved when I got to make a delivery to her. She was like a friend to me and I know how I felt about her, so I can just imagine the loss you all are feeling right now. God Bless you all and I will keep you in my prayers. She will be missed here on this earth.*

Cindy Hambuchen

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Johnette, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May you feel God's presence and comfort at this time. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Gylene

July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *John and Erin*
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother and Grandmother. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Coach Goldman and family: I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I have very fond memories of her and of our FCA group in High School visiting Mama Bear at the dorm in Conway. May God comfort all of you and bless you with peace and strength at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear John and Paula,*
I want to offer prayers of thanksgiving in celebration of your mother's life. May the love and memories of your mother bring much peace and joy in your heart forever.
Your friend, Sharon lumpkin

July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Amy was a good friend to me and my children when I lived at Houston. You knew where you stood with her but she was not judgmental. I feel the loss of a friend.*

July 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wilhite Family, We are so sorry for your loss. She always brought joy and laughter where ever she was. We loved watching her at ballgames. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of amy's death, she will be missed and remembered, from a long time back, she was a lot of fun and all ways had time to visit with people.
May she rest in God's peace for ever.*

ANGELINA & A.T. DUNLAP

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Johnette,*

Laura, Avery, and I would like to offer our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. May god be withyou and your family during this sad occasion.

Gary (2354)

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Johnette- We are so sorry for your loss. You are such a blessing to our family. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.*

Allison and Ben Still

Elizabeth(10) and Amelia (6)

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Johnette and Lum,

So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

May God be with you and comfort you.

Robin Nance

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Johnette - so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe (2294)*

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Wilhite, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Please remember you can call on us at anytime for assistance. May God Bless You and Yours Always.*

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Wilhite and family,
I am sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you comfort during this difficult time.*

Carolyn Holland

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM