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Josie L. Wilson (Nephew) Born Apr. 29, 1915 in Tacoma; passed away Feb. 19, 2007 surrounded by her loving family. Josie was recognized as the original producer of the internationally acclaimed recording group, The Ventures. She produced their first gold record, "Walk, Don't Run" in 1960, with many gold and platinum recordings to follow. She also composed several songs. Her poetry, which she began writing when she was in her mid-eighties, has been published in several anthologies. "The Wind Blows East" has recently been released on CD. She most recently co-authored a book about The Ventures' ongoing career. Josie was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and 3 grandchildren. Josie is survived by her son Don (Dory) Wilson, daughter Sally (John) Goldyn, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Services will be Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 at 10:00am in the Mountain View Aspen Chapel. 253-584-0252. Please sign the online guest book at www.mountainviewtacoma.com. The family would like to thank the Franciscan Hospice team and all the family and friends who have helped during these difficult times. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Franciscan Hospice, PO Box 1502, Tacoma WA 98401.



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Anonymous posted:

Josie Wilson was one very special lady I had known her since the early 60s and We became very close friends during so many good years I became known to Josie's family through the Ventures Fan Club in the UK which I ran for many happy years...she will be sadly missed... my thoughts are always with her loved ones may god welcome her ito his arms.....Stuart Leech..2009##imported-begin##Stuart L Leech##imported-end##

March 31 at 4:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

To Josie & All of Your Great Family ~ I originally wrote you in 1966 to join The Ventures International Fan Club. I guess I was the teen age pest who wrote weekly about my interest and love of Ventures music. You not only wrote back to me all the time, I was asked, in 1981 to take over The Ventures fan club. I was finally privileged to meet you at a Ventures show in Washington, DC, in 1996. It has been an honor to know you for over 40 years, then meet you. You were the most beautiful lady and to think what beautiful music you helped create. Ventures music is basically my life and you are without a doubt, a part of that. Always love you, M I K E, The Ventures USA Club President Emeritus##imported-begin##Michael Kuhn##imported-end##

December 12 at 5:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

My favorite early Ventures song ia "Josie". You can hear the Love in every note.God Bless your soul##imported-begin##Jim Schiller##imported-end##

March 13 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Don, Tim & Jill;I am sending my deepest regrets and condolences along with my wife Jennifer. Josie will live on with the early recordings of The Ventures; the music she produced. I only talked to Josie twice, first at the EMP concert in 2001 and again on the cruise, she was a very kind and wonderful lady. Gary R. & Jennifer Wertz Olympia, WA##imported-begin##Gary Wertz##imported-end##

March 5 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

It has been some time since we have spoken, but Josie will always be in my heart. My best and most heart-felt wishes to the whole family. She was a good friend to all of the Rivera's.##imported-begin##Shari Rivera Sharp##imported-end##

March 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We very much appreciated Josie in life and will always remember her kindness, humor, and love.Kirk and Noma##imported-begin##Kirk and Noma Bjornsgaard##imported-end##

February 28 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Wilson Family (especially Don and Tim):My deepest condolences. May the God of all comfort be with you at this time. After 43 years of being a Ventures fan, I had the great privilege of meeting Don and The Ventures at BB King's in New York last March. That meeting and the friendship I began over the telephone with Tim became special to me. The warmness and positive magnetism exuding from these two gentlemen can only lead me to believe that it came from the genes of Josie Wilson. Tim's fond stories he has shared with me in the past makes me wish that I had the honor of meeting Josie.Having a picture from Tim, of Josie signing my Ventures guitar last summer will be a treasure for the rest of my life.May God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Dennis Allard##imported-end##

February 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We had the great pleasure to meet Josie at several Ventures concerts and on the Baja cruise. Josie was such a delight! Her love for her family and The Ventures was obvious to all.Our condolences to Don and Tim, with whom we have talked to many times, and to all of Josie's family. Josie will be missed by all that knew her but never forgotten. It was Josie's drive and faith in Don and Bob that made The Ventures a reality and began our love of music.Josie will forever remain in our hearts.##imported-begin##Doug & Karen Smith##imported-end##

February 27 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To Don & the Family:I am just a long time fan that appreciates the kind of mother Josie must have been. My deceased mother was very supportive of my early musical pursuits. Although we never took it to the level The Ventures did, to simply describe her as "devoted" doesn't even come close. The world needs more moms like Josie. I wish I could have met her.##imported-begin##Robert Carter##imported-end##

February 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Don Wilson as a longtime fan I offer my condolences.##imported-begin##Mike Tarno##imported-end##

February 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##JOSE BENCOSME##imported-end##

February 27 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest condolences go out to you, Don and Sally.I was just talking to my mother and my best friend about contacting her within the last month.It can be hard to realize how sudden, and why, these difficult times come upon us.All my best to you,(your 2nd cousin)James "Travis" Wilson##imported-begin##Travis Wilson##imported-end##

February 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sally,Audrey and I are thinking of you.Our thoughts and prayers are with you.God Bless,Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Goldyn##imported-end##

February 26 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Josie Wilson's passion for life shone like a diamond and she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.##imported-begin##Ian & Mary Finlay##imported-end##

February 26 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Although I never had the pleasure to meet Josie personally, we corresponded several times regarding Underground Fire's campaign to have The Ventures inducted into the R&R Hall of Fame. Josie was always a very gracious and kind person who will be missed not only by her family and friends, but also by fans of The Ventures who came to know her. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Arnold van Beverhoudt##imported-end##

February 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Josie meant alot to my sister,Patricia Burgi, and me. We admired everything about her. She was a wonderful aunt, mother, andfriend. We were proud that Josie was a member of our family. I will miss her.May God bless you! Love, Liana Skidmore##imported-begin##Liana Skidmore##imported-end##

February 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Stephanie Wilson (Goldyn)##imported-end##

February 25 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A great loss. But she will live on forever through the ones she loved and those that loved her. We loved her so. God bless the whole family, we love you.Love,Jack & Diane Davis##imported-begin##Jack & Diane Davis##imported-end##

February 24 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I am sorry to hear of this death. am a fan of josie wilson##imported-begin##joe montoya##imported-end##

February 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Don, Sally & Families, it was an honour to know your mum, she often spoke (in emails) of her love for her family, I'm sure she will be sadly missed by a lot of people all round the world, she was a wonderful friend to us, may she rest in peace, Bye Josie til we meet again xxxx##imported-begin##terry & hilda robins##imported-end##

February 24 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I've known Josie for many years as she was in the family of Mary Bruce, who was a family friend. Josie was a wonderful woman and a friend to many. In 1997 she came in to Long's Drugs where I worked at the time and presented me with a copy of her poems. I don't think she knew how much that ment to me. I know she is in a better place with our Lord God. May she rest in peace. God Bless her family. Louise(Dougher) Ecklund##imported-begin##Louise (Dougher) Ecklund##imported-end##

February 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

JOSIE YOU WERE SUCH A PLEASURE TO SEE AT DR SACKS OFFICE. YOU ALWAYS HAD SOME KIND WORDS TO SAY AND ALWAYS MADE ME SMILE. YOUR BOOK OF POETRY HAS GRACED MY COFFEE TABLE SINCE YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO SHARE IT WITH ME IN 2002. I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE HAPPY IN YOUR NEW HOME--PROBABLY READING POETRY TO THE ANGELS. THEY ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE YOU THERE. SHARON HELGREN##imported-begin##SHARON HELGREN##imported-end##

February 23 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NULL##imported-begin##Melissa Siedlicki##imported-end##

February 23 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear, dear Josie, You're a light. I loved that you came to my Tug Boat Race party and brought family, enjoyed the sunshine and clams, talked of Bob Reisdorff, swapped your book of poetry with Mom for her autobiography and wrote to her after; spreading your love. You were radiant at your 90th birthday party and again at the Ventures' concert at the Premier Club, in support of R & R Hall of Fame induction. Your face shines in my memory as a soft light in that cavernous darkness. (Wish we had a video of you watching my dancing to your boys' music! :) Forgive me for not getting you my new album before you took your leave. But I will get it to your children, just as you asked. And thank you so much for your encouragement and humor. I'm glad I could help get you the information you sought for Virginia Boles service. I hope that put your mind at ease. So active, and thoughtful, right to the end. Fitting, that family and love surrounded you, as you peacefully departed. And yet, you will always be with us, Josie. I love you. And so many do. Your life has made a lasting difference and continues to touch people throughout the world, through the music and musical progeny you helped to create. With love.##imported-begin##Gretchen Christopher##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You will always be in our mind. I will miss You##imported-begin##Hilding Olsson##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'll never forget what a good friend you were to my Mom, Laverne Saunders. I'll also remember your wonderful laugh and sense of humor. I wish I could be there in person to pay my respects.##imported-begin##Kay Collier##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Josie, You will be sorely missed by all. We loved you. Dar, Martha, & Family##imported-begin##Darl Wilson##imported-end##

February 22 at 6:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Josie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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