



## Marilyn J. Wixtrom

October 14, 1961 - July 8, 2016

Marilyn J. Wixtrom, 83, of Witch Lake, died Friday, July 8, 2016 at Marquette County Medical Care Facility in Ishpeming. She was born on February 10, 1933, in Homestead, the daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Tonn) Sjoquist.

Marilyn married Donald Wixtrom on October 14, 1961 at the Homestead Baptist Church. The couple enjoyed 54 years of marriage.

Marilyn was well known for baking delicious Swedish rye bread. For many years she was the hunting camp cook. She enjoyed crocheting and had crocheted many baby afghans. Most importantly, Marilyn enjoyed spending time with her family, and was affectionately called "Grandma Cotton Ball" by her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Donald Wixtrom, three children Joe (Cindy) Wixtrom of Marquette, Lorna (Patrick) Carey of Channing, and Aaron (Shelly) Wixtrom of Witch Lake, two sisters Lois Nelson and Charlene (Carl) Anderson both of Rockford, IL, one sister-in-law Shirley (Edsel) Salo of Watton, MI, fourteen grandchildren Hannah (Taylor) Hicks, Parker Carey, Grace Carey, Gunnar (Jessi) Wixtrom, Kara (Kyle Cushway) Wixtrom, Celia Wixtrom, Noah Wixtrom, Larissa Wixtrom, Madeline Wixtrom, Dane Wixtrom, Morgan McAuliffe, Luke McAuliffe, Tyler (Kara) McCarty, and Audrey McCarty, five

great grandchildren Colt and Reid Hicks, Kylee West, and Lilli and Lainey McCarty, and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn is preceded in death by one sister June Simonsen and two infant brothers.

Visitation will be Tues. from 10am-12 Noon Eastern Time at the First Baptist Church of Witch Lake. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon Eastern Time at the church. Rev. Howard Martis will officiate. Burial will be in the Republic Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Witch Lake  
2962 Hwy M95  
Republic, MI 49879

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Paul and I met them thanks to our dog Fred. We went to see our dog that they became new owners of. We would spend time with them, and even helped one time with making maple syrup. She showed us how to make coffee smoother with egg shells. The Air Force sent us to another location but we would keep in touch not only with their Christmas letters, but we even got a chance to go back for a visit. Marilyn you are greatly missed.

*Leilani & Paul Mariotti*

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**Leilani Mariotti** - December 30, 2016 at 09:14 PM

RW

“ Donald and the entire Wixtrom family: May God surround you with comfort and peace during this difficult time. So many fond memories of Marilyn when growing up in Witch Lake. I can picture her now when she would help lead the Junior Young people group at church; she always shared her joy and laughter. When Donald and Marilyn visited my parents, we as kids would hear their laughter late in the evening as they shared their stories. We are so fortunate that we knew her.

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**Randy Wuokko** - July 13, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ Our prayers and sympathies to your family. Marilyn always had the warmest smile when we saw her. May you have many warm memories to get you through this sad time. Kay Wagner, Mick and Michele Seitz and family

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**Michele Seitz** - July 12, 2016 at 09:00 PM

RM

“ My deepest sympathy to the Wixtrom Family, specially to Joe to whom I know. I went through the same sadness two years ago, when my Mom passed. All is left is to remember the good times you spent with her.

*Rafael Mota*

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**RAFAEL MOTA** - July 12, 2016 at 04:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.



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July 11, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.



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July 11, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.



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July 11, 2016 at 05:04 PM

YK

“ As a child my family would drive up to Homestead for a week every summer to visit Grandma and Grandpa Sjoquist and aunts Marilyn, June and Charlene. Auntie Mar, we all called her, played piano for me and taught me so many beautiful church hymns. The one I still remember is *Thirty Sheckles of Silver*. I'll never forget her, and the fun we had together.

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**Your niece, Kathy** - July 11, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.



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July 11, 2016 at 02:02 PM

NB

“ Sincere condolences to the Wixtrom family. I'm sorry that I am not able to be present for tomorrow's services. Mrs. Wixtrom always had a smile on her face, and was one of the most welcoming souls I've ever had the pleasure to meet. I always felt like family around her. She will be truly missed.

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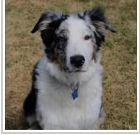
**Nick and Melanie Blaisdell** - July 11, 2016 at 09:53 AM

BM

“ Our sympathy to all of Marilyn's family. May happy memories comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Brenda and Ray Mattson** - July 11, 2016 at 07:38 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Marilyn was a truly beautiful person. Always a joy to visit with. Kind eyes and a caring heart.*

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**Heather Merideth** - July 10, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ *Our sincere and caring thoughts on the passing of Marilyn. Oh such wonderful memories we have of our Alaska trip together and then the visits at her home. We are so happy she touched and was a part of our lives. We are unable, due to other commitments to attend her service, but know we are thinking of all of you. She sure loved her family. We hold many happy memories. Love the picture you chose. Donald sending you a hug with caring friendship. Dan and Sue Passamani*

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**Sue Passamani** - July 10, 2016 at 07:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.*



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July 10, 2016 at 07:36 PM

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*“ I loved to listen to Marilyn's piano playing as she praised the Lord with the talent He gave her. I have missed that the last few years when we visited the church. I wished that I had a smidgen of that musical ability. We will all miss her but take comfort that she is with Jesus and playing and singing to Him with no hearing handicap.*



Nancy - July 10, 2016 at 01:27 PM



*“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.*



July 10, 2016 at 11:44 AM



*“ Oh, our sweet little Marilyn, how you will be missed! There was such joy in your smile and a twinkle in your eyes. When we had a conversation you always gave it your full attention and made me feel like I was your favorite person ever...but your special gift was that you made everyone feel that way...because you loved with your whole heart. I enjoyed ever minute we shared and look forward to seeing you again in heaven. Watch over me my Angel and be at peace. Love you always, Leah*

Leah Burke - July 10, 2016 at 07:40 AM

BC

“ Donald and family, my deepest sympathies to all of you. I remember how Marilyn had a kind word to everyone she talked to. She always asked me how I was doing and gave me a hug every time I saw her. Her family was everything to her. She will be missed by all.

*Beverly Erickson Carriere*

Beverly A Carriere - July 09, 2016 at 09:08 PM

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“ In your sorrow, may there be peace.

Orajane Kennedy - July 09, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn J. Wixtrom.



July 09, 2016 at 04:12 PM

LC

“ My condolences to the Wixtrom family. My earliest and fondest memories of your mother go back to about Kindergarten, when we visited your home for the maple syrup field trip. She was a lovely lady. Much love to you all.

Lisa Gallinetti Curatolo - July 09, 2016 at 12:18 PM

PR

“ *My sympathy to you, Don, and to your family. Marilyn will be remembered for the love that radiated from her to everyone around her. She was a beautiful, caring human being and will be missed.*

*Phyllis Rule*

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**Phyllis Rule** - July 09, 2016 at 12:04 PM