



Wiloma S. Swatsenborg

July 28, 1936 - March 7, 2025

Wiloma "Sue" (Snodgrass) Swatsenborg passed away peacefully on March 7, 2025, at Solace House in Joplin, Missouri, at the age of 88 with her daughter beside her. She was born on July 28, 1936, in Butler, Missouri, and lived a life dedicated to family, faith, and service to others.

Wiloma pursued her education at the former School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri, later attending Joplin Business College. Much later in life, she studied office technology at Franklin Technology Center. Her career reflected her strong work ethic and adaptability. She worked in the office at Griffin's Groceries and later at General Steel, where she met her husband, James Earl Swatsenborg. They married on November 1, 1958, and shared a life together until his passing in 1991. She later worked at the Jasper County Courthouse and volunteered at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Carthage before becoming a homemaker. In her later years, she returned to the workforce as a caregiver before retiring.

Faith played a central role in Wiloma's life. She served as a church secretary for several years and found great joy in playing the piano for services. Her love for music and dedication to her faith brought comfort and inspiration to many.

Wiloma also had a passion for gardening, preserving the fruits and vegetables

she cultivated with her husband. Her love of baking earned her the affectionate title of "The Cookie Lady," as she delighted in sharing homemade treats with family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Pam Farrell of Webb City, Missouri; brother, Wayne Snodgrass of Collinsville, Oklahoma; sisters-in-law, Debra Snodgrass of Carthage, Missouri, and Janet Snodgrass; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur Snodgrass and Neoma Bell (Sims) Snodgrass; stepmother, Helen Snodgrass; husband, James Earl Swatsenbarg; son-in-law, Tim Farrell; and half-brother, Bill Snodgrass.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 29, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at Mercy Village Apartments, located at 1148 W. 28th St., Joplin, Missouri, where she resided for 17 years before making her home with her daughter.

Wiloma's kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for others left a lasting impact. Her memory will continue to bring warmth and comfort to all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sue was my 1st cousin on my mothers side. I had no idea she had passed. I miss talking to her on the phone and have waited patiently for her call. I live in Utah so not able to visit. Her mother Naomi passed when Sue was just a baby. Naomi was my mothers only sibling.

Patricia Parker - February 26 at 09:50 PM

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“ Oh, Mother. How I miss you. I am lost without you. I am so thankful for the extra special time we had together. It means everything to me. I pray I get to reunite with you, Daddy and Tim. That's all I want. That's all I need. I hope you heard me singing "You Are My Sunshine" to you. I miss my Susie Sunshine. I love you forever and will go to my grave missing you. Punkin.

Pam Farrell - April 16, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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Pam we have never met but we are cousins. Would love to talk with you over the phone.

Patricia Parker - February 26 at 09:51 PM