



## Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson

November 12, 1956 - April 23, 2021

Debrina “Lilly” Wilson

Mrs. Debrina Joy “Lilly” Wilson, 64, of Peoria, IL transitioned from this life to her heavenly home at 6:30 am on Friday, April 23, 2021 at her residence. Debrina was born in Peoria, IL on November 12, 1956 to Albert Benedict and Florence Irene (Wires) Lilly, Sr. She was a 1974 graduate of Woodruff High School. Debrina was a 2010 graduate of (ICC) Illinois Central College with an Associate’s Degree in Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling. Debrina accepted Christ at an early age. She was a long-time member of Bethel United Methodist Church where she faithfully served as an usher and Sunday school teacher. Debrina loved to read, watch game shows and watch her grandchildren. She never met a stranger; to her everybody was her cousin. Debrina leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving husband, Sylvester Wilson of Peoria, IL; her loving children, Jennine Lilly Smith of Milwaukee, WI, Jene’a Wilson of Peoria, IL and Mario Wilson of Wassau, WI; one brother, Gerald (Helen) Lilly of Nashville, TN; six sisters, Diane Lilly of Nashville, TN, Dorene Nelson, Denise Lilly and Darlene “Mary” Lilly all of Las Vegas, NV, Dahline Lilly and Darla Lilly both of Peoria, IL; 8 grandchildren including Sherrod Swafford, Jr., of Milwaukee, WI and Terrance, Jr., of Peoria, IL; one great grandchild; and a host of special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including her Bethel United Church family. She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, James Lilly, Albert Lilly, Jr., and Darryl “Bingo” Lilly; one sister, DeAngela Lilly.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Bethel United Methodist Church with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Pastor Tyson T. Parks, III will officiate.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the capacity of the or less.

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat 50% of the capacity of the church. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church

210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.

Peoria, IL 61605

[http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About\\_Us&ion=welcome](http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome)

## Funeral Service

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church

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Peoria, IL 61605

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 15, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 07, 2021 at 04:34 PM

DF

*Absolutely beautiful* ❤️

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**Diane Foster** - May 07, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Debrina and I was friends for over 40 years*

**Dianna Vaughn-Gulley** - December 30, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *My dearest friend,found out too late of your passing due to my extreme grief of the passing of my daughter Emma on Christmas Day 2019! I will always remember you with your contagious Smile 😊 We were oh such great friends,it's so sad to me we lost touch! The last time we communicated was through Facebook! Rest In Peace my wonderful beautiful friend! No more pain! Please,when you see my Emmita give her a big hug and kiss,tell her I miss her and have a good down to Earth laugh! I Love You Debrina till I see you soon ❤️🙏🌸🌸*

**terry** - December 04, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *terry lit a candle in memory of Debrina Wilson*



**terry** - December 04, 2022 at 02:29 PM

BI

“ My sincere condolences to the family. May God be with you in your time of sorrow. RIP Debrina 🕊️



Brenda Idreez - May 12, 2021 at 03:17 AM

BJ

“ So SORRY for your LOSS

Brenda Jackson - May 09, 2021 at 06:01 AM

AW

“ Sending love and prayers to the Lilly and Wilson families. RIP Pudgy ❤️🙏



Angela Walker - May 08, 2021 at 12:38 PM

NK

“ Nichole Kingcade lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Nichole Kingcade - May 08, 2021 at 12:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson.*



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May 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson.*



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May 07, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *To The Wilson and Lily Family, Debrina, was a good friend to all of us. She will be sorely missed. To the family, may you always remember the wonderful times you had with Sister Debrina. Remember that God is with you. God is there to encourage you and will bring hope and joy to your hearts again .*

*Keeping The Families In Our Prayers*

*Bethel United Methodist Women*

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**Mary Hudson** - May 06, 2021 at 10:55 PM

LB

“ *Laraine Bryson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**Laraine Bryson** - May 06, 2021 at 06:11 AM

KH

“ *What a beautiful joy Debrina was. She was one of my first students at Irving and absolutely was one of my most enjoyable and kind students. I shall truly miss her contagious and wonderful smile. Over the years she turned into being a dear and wonderful friend to me and my family. At Christmas time at church, she was a reminder of God's love for us all by being kind, thoughtful, caring, and joyful to everyone. To her loving and caring family and friends, we extend our most sincere and loving condolences. She will truly be missed, but now she is home with our Father and at peace. Ken Hinton*

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**Ken Hinton** - May 05, 2021 at 07:00 AM

CB

“ *Debrina was a blessing in my life. I will cherish the phone calls we shared after my Mother passed away. She was always full of love and JOY! I will miss you, but I know I will see you again dear friend. Rest in peace and say Hi to my Momma. I love you.*



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**Cindy Brewer** - May 04, 2021 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ *Debrina was such a joy to know always smiling and encouraging others even through her pain. She will be missed by everyone. She was truly a blessing to all who knew her. Rest in peace my sister resting in the arms of our blessed Savior. Family be encouraged God has her and she knew him well. Marva*

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**Marva Stewart** - May 04, 2021 at 12:48 PM

VK

“ *To the Lilly-Wilson Family - I'm so sorry to know that Debrina passed. I pray God will comfort & keep you.*



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**Vickie Kingcade-King** - May 04, 2021 at 04:53 AM

RF

“ *Rena Webster- Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**Rena Webster- Horton & Family** - May 03, 2021 at 07:51 PM

ES

“ To the Wilson and Lilly Family, my heartfelt prayers and condolences to each of you. Debrina had a heart of gold and growing up in Taft we were family. Her contagious smile and loving spirit exemplified Jesus’s attributes in allowing His light to shine in and through her. Her gift of encouragement would brighten your day, week, month, and year. Rest in Heaven and Rest in Peace, until we meet again. You will truly be missed and never forgotten, my dear friend and Taft family. May God’s peace, strength, and comfort be in and upon you. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️



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**Eulander Summerville** - May 03, 2021 at 02:30 PM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



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**Kathy Collins** - May 01, 2021 at 09:04 PM

RG

“ Rosie Eckwood Gingery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



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**Rosie Eckwood Gingery** - May 01, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson.



May 01, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Linda Taylor-Faulkner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Linda Taylor-Faulkner - May 01, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ Rosie Eckwood Gingery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Rosie Eckwood Gingery - April 30, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ I grew up in the Taft with my Family, just like Debrina and her Family. When you grow up, move, everything changes. We came back in to knowing each other, through Facebook. I post pictures of the changes in the Sky. I will think of you when creating the posts, Dear Lady. Rest on in perfect peace.

Veronica L George-Ball - April 30, 2021 at 10:10 PM

RG

“ Rosie Eckwood Gingery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Rosie Eckwood Gingery - April 30, 2021 at 10:07 PM

VG

“ Veronica L George-Ball lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Veronica L George-Ball - April 30, 2021 at 10:04 PM

RG

“ Rosie Eckwood Gingery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Rosie Eckwood Gingery - April 30, 2021 at 09:59 PM

TJ

“ Toni Eckwood Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Toni Eckwood Johnson - April 30, 2021 at 04:43 PM

SS

“ *Sigma Alpha Zeta Chapter -Zeta Phi Beta Sorority purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson.*



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**Sigma Alpha Zeta Chapter -Zeta Phi Beta Sorority** - April 30, 2021 at 03:10 PM

CS

“ *Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**Cathy smith** - April 30, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DW

“ *Donna Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**Donna Wilson** - April 30, 2021 at 12:46 PM

SJ

“ *The Johnson Family (Taft Home Neighbors) extends our deepest condolences to your family. Praying that God will comfort, keep and sustain each of you during your time of loss. Love you all ❤️🙏*

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**Sharon Johnson** - April 30, 2021 at 08:17 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



Mattie Risby - April 29, 2021 at 08:31 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



Mancy Pittman - April 29, 2021 at 06:08 PM

RC

“ 🙏 *Pray'n for the family.....💔RIHP Friend 🙏.....Robert/Irma Costic and Sons*

Robert Costic - April 29, 2021 at 01:22 PM

SA

“ *Rest in peace Mrs Debrina. I remember you when I was in Middle School, Roosevelt days... You will be missed 💕💕*

Shan Alston - April 28, 2021 at 06:11 PM

RF

“ *Rena Horton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



**Rena Horton & Family** - April 27, 2021 at 10:52 PM

JO

“ *Jeanette Jackson Owens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



**Jeanette Jackson Owens** - April 27, 2021 at 06:04 PM

JJ

“ *Joan Metlock Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



**Joan Metlock Jackson** - April 27, 2021 at 05:58 PM

AT

“ *Angela Causey Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



**Angela Causey Thompson** - April 27, 2021 at 02:48 PM

DD

“ Diana Duncan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Diana Duncan - April 27, 2021 at 02:19 PM

AN

“ Annettelucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Annettelucy - April 27, 2021 at 05:37 AM

JB

“ GBNF Cousin I'm Going To Miss You 4ever.  
REST EASY .PRAYERS FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏❤️  
💙❤️🕊️



Joanie Brown - April 27, 2021 at 04:24 AM

JB

“ Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson



Joanie Brown - April 27, 2021 at 04:13 AM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debrina Joy Wilson*



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**DEBRINA SMITH** - April 26, 2021 at 11:13 PM