



## Ms. Joanne Wilfong

December 20, 1931 - April 17, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Joanne Wilfong, a beloved mother, wife, and grandmother known more affectionately as "Bum Bum". Joanne passed away peacefully on April 17th, 2025 at the age of 93 at Cottingham House in Seneca, SC.

Born and raised in Lancaster, PA, a graduate of J. P. McCaskey High School class of 1949, and alumni of the Penn State University class of 1953. She also received a Masters of Education from Temple University in 1964. Jo dedicated her life to raising a family, teaching in the Colonial school district of Whitemarsh Township, PA and to her many friends in the greater Philadelphia area. She was known for her infectious laughter, a vodka tonic at Happy Hour, and her tremendous voice. She loved Philadelphia, especially the Phillies and Eagles, singing in the Mendelssohn Club, Wheel of Fortune, and most notably Jeopardy, hosted by Alex Trebek. Jo loved and spent many decades of summers in Stone Harbor, New Jersey with Mill Wilfong and the entire family, where everyone celebrated Happy Hour enjoying cocktails while sitting on the dock of the bay. She also loved to travel, shop, to be tan, auctions, tennis, pets, golf, bridge, trivia nights, boating on Lake Keowee, many the pleasant Drive with Harry Bradley, shuffleboard, and bocce, famously making the championship round in 2023 with son in law Tim Tompkins. Whether you knew it or not, Jo was silently correcting your command of the English language. Jo and Mill spent many a tireless hour traveling to visit family and grandchildren,

especially to swimming pools, baseball diamonds, and ice rinks around Texas and the East Coast.

Joanne was predeceased by her parents: John and Anne Seitz; brother: John (Jack) Seitz; second husband: Millard Wilfong in 2013; first husband: Kurt Meyer in 2016; and late partner: Harry Bradley in 2022. She is survived by her children: Kerry Meyer and Kristi Tompkins (Tim Tompkins); stepdaughter: Sandi Wetherbee (Scott Wetherbee); her niece: Stephanie Seitz; nephews: Tim Seitz and John Seitz (Terrie Seitz); grandchildren: Matthew Gerard; Taylor Tompkins; Brett Tompkins (Olivia Tompkins); Jake Wetherbee & Madison Wetherbee.

There will be a private celebration of life later in 2025.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Joanne's memory to the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA or to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Jo, you've lived a remarkable life your way. One that a family friend said "I aspire to live well like Jo did". As a family we are all so truly grateful for the tremendous impact that you left not only on us but on behalf of your friends as well. You will be truly missed but never, ever forgotten.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Pete rosa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ms. Joanne Wilfong.*



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**Pete rosa** - September 03, 2025 at 10:05 PM

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“ *Tim Tompkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joanne Wilfong*



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**Tim Tompkins** - April 28, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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**Tim Tompkins** - April 25, 2025 at 09:04 AM

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“ It's hard to believe that it's been 44 years (1981) since Kris and I drove up from the University of Delaware to meet Jo for the first time as she welcomed me into her home in Plymouth Meeting, PA. This is where I heard the first laugh with a vodka tonic in hand. I was treated like a son right away. I could not have asked for a better mother in law than Jo. She was quite simply the best.....

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**Tim Tompkins** - April 25, 2025 at 09:01 AM