



Joan Wray

September 5, 1928 - September 5, 1928

Marjorie Joan Brune Wray, 82, of 108 Primrose Place, Danville, VA, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at Danville Regional Medical Center after a sudden stroke. Born September 5, 1928 in Zion, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Conrad Adam Brune and the late Leona Mina Burtzloff Brune. She had lived her life in Zion, IL, Sarasota, FL, Lynchburg, VA, and Danville, VA, and she had retired as a teacher from the ARC Center of Lynchburg. She was a believer in Christ and she volunteered at the Danville Humane Society. Survivors include a sister, Leona Marceil "Feef" Keller, of Zion, IL; two sons, Steve Wray, of Danville, VA, and Jim Wray, and his wife Becky, of Greensboro, NC; and a daughter, Naomi Coward, and her husband David, of Waxhaw, NC; three grandchildren, Hannah Ward, Bethany Howard and Rebecca Jorgensen, and three great-grandchildren, Caleb Wray, Caitlynn Jorgensen and Tristan Jorgensen. A memorial service will be held at 2pm, Saturday, June, 11, 2011, in the Pate Chapel (at the old Thomas Road Baptist Church), 701 Thomas Road, Lynchburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her memory to the Danville Area Human Society, PO Box 3352, Danville, VA 24543. (Phone number: 434-799-0843). Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover Chapel is serving the Wray family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It was with great sadness that we learned of Joan Wray's death.*

Our brother Jim had Joan as a teacher in Lynchburg and, according to our mother Annie King, he believed the sun rose and set on Joan.

We have never forgotten the kindness and love she bestowed on our beloved brother. She was, indeed, a compassionate, loving soul who definitely brightened Jim's life.

We give thanks to God for the loving role Joan played in Jim's life.

With sympathy,

Annie B. King and family

Annie B. King - June 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *thank you grandma kitty for being the best grandma ever. you'll be missed.*

calebwray - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jim,
I am so terribly sorry to hear about the sudden passing of your Mom. I know you and your family will miss her but she will always be with each of you in heart and in spirit. You'll have many loving memories to keep her with you at all times. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.*

Carla Marion

Carla Marion - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

“ Thank you Mommie.

Thank you Mommie, for being mother, father, judge/jury and even punisher. Because you always showed me what unconditional love really was, even when it meant breaking a yardstick.

Thank you Mommie, for challenging me, for showing me that a person can do anything they want, as long as they don't quit. And you will never accomplish anything if at first you don't try, no matter how difficult it may be.

Thank you Mommie, for the sacrifices you made as a single parent raising three children in a day and time when women just didn't do things like that. But then you weren't much afraid of doing things, as long as you could do it your way.

Thank you Mommie, for your boldness, you showed me the importance of standing up for what you believe and not being afraid of what others might say. For telling me, it doesn't matter what others think, it matters what you think.

Thank you Mommie, for showing me the importance of family. That the time spent together should be an important priority and not to be taken for granted. And to be punctual for family events, or learn to enjoy cold turkey.

Thank you Mommie, for the encouragement you gave and telling me I could be anyone I wanted to be and really meaning it. I believed because you believed.

Thank you Mommie, for showing me the love of Jesus. You loved Jesus first, your children second and your animals third. Well maybe the kids and animals were sometimes a tie, but I'll say the tie goes to the kids.

Thank you Mommie, for showing me the true value of a dollar. And

it doesn't take a lot of money to be happy. And just because we grew up with a lot of 'things' didn't mean we didn't have a lot of happiness. You were the most creative person who could do more with less and make it oh so memorable.

Thank you Mommie, for showing me the love of the outdoors. For the time spent on family camping trips. Looking through the old photo albums and seeing you camping as a young teenager back when 'roughing' it meant something.

Thank you Mommie, for the love of animals. Growing up with the dogs, cats, chickens hamsters and more cats, it was special having pets. And now I've raised my children to love pets and now we see your great grandchildren being raised with pets. Your legacy lives on.

Thank you Mommie, for accepting Becky as a daughter. It was very special to see the love grow into a mother daughter relationship. It meant so much to have my wife mean so much to you.

Thank you Mommie, for preparing me for this time in my life where I don't have to guess where you are right now. And just like you are now reunited with your mother, some day I will be reunited with you.

*So, until that day,
I Love You Mommie, Jimmie*

Jimmie - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM