

God of all Seasons

Help me to remember the sun when it is raining.

Help me to remember the rain when the sun is shining.

Teach me to respect those who are old when I am young.

Teach me to respect those who are young when I am old.

*When I place first in the show ring, let me remember the times I
placed last.*

*When I place last in the show ring, let me remember the times I
placed first.*

*During times of mourning & sadness, let me remember the times of
joy & dancing.*

*During times of joy & dancing, let me remember times of mourning
& sadness.*

Guide me to appreciate studying Your Word before times of trial.

*Guide me during times of trial to appreciate having studied Your
Word.*

*Help me to live all moments and remember there is a balance to life,
and God is the center of all.*

A prayer for Marti based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

In Loving Memory Of

Marti Jo Wilber

Entered This Life

September 15, 1972

47 years ~ 11 months ~ 18 days

Departed This Life

September 2, 2020

Funeral Service

Saturday, September 5, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Central Christian Church ~ Belleville

Officiants

Pastor Jacob Rice ~ Central Christian Church

Pastor Mark Imel ~ First Christian Church of Eads, Colorado

Pianist

Peggy Frint

Musical Selections

“Amazing Grace” congregational hymn

“Just Be Held” as recorded by Casting Crowns

“I Can Only Imagine” as recorded by Mercy Me

“Spirit in the Sky” as recorded by the Kentucky Headhunters

“She and I” as recorded by Alabama

Casket Bearers

Quint Huncovsky ~ Grant McKay ~ Jeff Krohn

Kent Krummel ~ B.J. Valek ~ Jesse Erickson

Committal Services

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Wayne, Kansas

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville

www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com

as written by Marti:

Marti Jo (Valek) Wilber met her Heavenly Father on September 2, 2020, at the age of 47 years, 11 months, 18 days. She was born September 15, 1972, to Eddie and Marcella (Bouley) Valek. She grew up near Wayne, KS, the youngest of 7 kids (one, Jerry, died at birth). She enjoyed everything about her childhood, working hard alongside her siblings & parents, fishing, hunting, caring for all the critters, cattle shows, harvest, putting bales in the barn by hand (except when Bill chased me with a snake in the hayloft – Bad, Bad Bill!), watching the sunrise and the sunset. She loved the family God put her in with all her heart. She graduated from Hillcrest in 1991, Cloud County in 1993 (where she participated in Basketball and Track), and also attended K-State for a year (where she worked at Nelson's Hatchery where she vaccinated thousands of baby chicks daily). In May 1995, she started working at Hillcrest and continued to work for the school system even after consolidation occurred. She continued to work for USD 109 until fighting cancer became her full time job. Marti married Dan Wilber in September 1995. His playful spirit, ability to fix whatever she broke, and God's blessing was the glue that bonded them in marriage. They had two children, Cameron and Tobi. It was at this point that Marti relinquished her place on the tractor seat and began grooming her mothering abilities. I have to admit, I never saw myself being a mother, but oh how God blessed me with two bundles of joy! She still loved the outdoors, and the kids would always be found alongside her in whatever outside activity was happening. When the kids were in trouble, they didn't have a naughty chair – they would have to do laps around the house. So, yes, you can thank me for being such good runners in H.S. and college. As the kids grew older, the activities multiplied. If they participated in it, she made a point to attend every activity she could! Of course she missed some due to cancer & West Nile meningitis, but neighbors and friends would always send pictures and videos so she could feel a part of the event. God, kids, family, cattle, dogs and goats were her passion. She was sprinkled as a child, but baptized by submersion when she was 31. She was an active member of the Central Christian Church, Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club, and the Kansas Hereford family. She held such jobs as vaccinating chickens at Nelson Hatchery, scale operator at Cloud County Co-Op, tax prep for FMSI, Hillcrest USD 455 secretary/para/bus driver, and Republic County USD 109 secretary/para/bus driver. Her love for children never ceased.

Marti is preceded in death by her parents, Eddie and Marcella, brothers Jerry and Randy Valek, nephew Jacob Valek, and brother-in-law, James Wilber. She will be forever remembered by her husband Dan, son Cameron, and daughter Tobi of Belleville. Marti is also survived by her sisters Janis Krob (John) of Cuba, and Nancy Erickson (Glenn) of Maysville, MO; brothers Mick Valek (Donna) of Wayne, and Bill Valek (Resi) of Wayne; sister-in-laws Becky Lewis (Craig) of Wichita, Charlotte Sullivan (Blake) of Wichita, Susan Thomas (Zach) of Lawrence, KS; her father and mother-in-law, Charles and Ruth Wilber of Belleville, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.



Marti