



## Marilee Wald

January 12, 1949 - February 8, 2009

Marilee Wroblewski Wald, 60, Bismarck, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family on February 8, 2009, after courageously fighting an 8 month battle with ALS, Lou Gherig's Disease. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 12:00 noon Friday at Church of the Ascension, Bismarck, with Rev. Jerome Kautzman officiating. Burial will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with a rosary and a time of sharing beginning at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Marilee was born on January 12, 1949 to her parents, Norman H. and Mildred Wilhelmson in Staples, MN. She was raised and educated at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Staples, and after graduation attended nursing school in Dickinson, ND. In 1997 she married Roger Wald and they made their home together in Bismarck. Marilee will forever be remembered for her style and grace, her big blue eyes and engaging smile. She was a lovely woman with a kind and gentle presence, and was always dressed for an occasion. She would radiate warmth to everyone she met and was loved by many. She was a wonderful wife and mother, and she was truly a "lady." February of 2008 marked a very special milestone for Marilee-the birth of her one and only grandchild, a beautiful little girl, Ella Quinn Smith. Marilee's nursing career spanned several years in cities which include: Minneapolis, MN, Grand Forks, Linton and Steele, ND. For the last 15 years, she was employed by Medcenter One in Bismarck. For ten

faithful years, preceding her death, she was known and loved by many young patients, their parents, and co-workers as a pediatric nurse assisting her good friend and mentor, Dr. Rafael Ocejó. Marilee loved her home and yard and was devoted to making her surroundings beautiful. She cared diligently for her home, never leaving the smallest detail untouched. She loved music, dancing, and entertaining. In her last days, her close friends and family referred to her as the "Dancing Queen"; Marilee loved to dance, it didn't matter where or with whom, as long as she could dance. To all who knew and loved Marilee, her family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your prayers and support. A special thank you to her hospice nurses, Joayne, Crystal, Sandy and Andrea, who made Marilee's final days peaceful and dignified. She is survived by her loving husband, Roger Wald, of Bismarck; three daughters: Megan Wroblewski Dayna Delaney, Minneapolis, MN, Sarah Jane Wroblewski Adam Ciferri, Boulder, CO, and Leah Zach and Ella Smith, Longmont, CO; two sons, Quinn D. Wroblewski, Bismarck, ND, and Seth P. Wroblewski, a student at NDSU in Fargo, ND; her stepdaughter, Jenni Wald Phil Bodus Las Vegas, NV, and her stepson, Scott Wald, Denver, CO; her mother, Mildred Wilhelmson, Staples, MN, and mother-in-law, Evelyn Wald, Bismarck, ND; four brothers, L. Dan, Kathleen Wilhelmson, Palm Desert, CA, Mick LoAnn Wilhelmson, Lake Shamineau, MN, Tim Kathy Wilhelmson, Mahtomedi, MN, Patrick Judy Wilhelmson, Corpus Christi, TX; one sister, Julieanne, Don Herman; sisters-in-law, Bernie Bill Steele, Denver, CO, and Pam Dary Gabriel, Linton, ND, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Norman H. Wilhelmson; fathers-in-law, Ben Wald and John C. Wroblewski; mother-in-law, Mary Wroblewski; and nephew, Jeffrey Nelson.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ We wish to send our condolences to the Wald family. Our children are Dr. Ocejo's patients and Marilee has always been nothing but kind, warm and friendly when we have come in for appointments, or called for assistance. We are going to miss her greatly. She was truly a kind and loving person. May your many memories of her keep you strong in dealing with your loss.

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**Sheri Seil** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ *Marilee Wald*

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**Larry Zavadil** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Marilee Wald*

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**JOE SCHAFFER** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Marilee was such a strong, caring, classy, compassionate, professional individual. She will definitely be missed. She was beautiful inside and out. She was my handicapped son's nurse for 12 years and she was always so gentle & loving with him. She even attended his funeral and that is something we never ever forget. She was always there for us. She made this a better world. Apparently God needed her more and her work was done here. God Bless her.*

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**Louaine Wetch** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Marilee was a very wonderful woman. She touched the lives of many and left everyone with a special blessing just to have known her. Marilee had a very big heart and was always someone that could make anyone feel better about anything. I met Marilee & Dave when they were our CCD teachers in Linton, ND. The wonderful family with 3 little girls. When I grew up and our relationship grew the Wroblewski family grew and was one relationship to treasure. The entire family has touched my life and heart in ways I will always remember. Marilee will be missed my many and be standing there with open arms to greet all of us when we return home.* Rosalie Brinkmeyer

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**Rosalie Brinkmeyer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of you in the loss of your dearest wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and dear friend. Marilee was the most beautiful person you could have ever met. I remember how her beautiful smile and personality would just light up the room. Know that you will find peace and strength in the love for each other and all the people that Marilee has touched. We will be praying for you and May God Bless each of you to find the peace and comfort knowing Marilee is well taken care of -- she is safely home.*

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**Darlene Horner Wolfgram** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Roger and Family, We are so deeply saddened by Marilee's passing. I met Marilee when she first started working for Q & R Clinic and we had some great laughs. She then became Kameron and Emma's nurse and it was great keeping in touch with her through the appointments. My children loved coming to the doctor because she was so very kind and made them feel at ease. She was a beautiful person inside and out and I am very proud to have known her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. The Nagels'

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**Julie Nagel** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ I am was very sad when I heard the news about your mom. I wanted to say I am thinking of all of you guys. I am blessed to have known your mother. She was a great lady and will stay that way in my thoughts for always.

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**Ben Erhardt** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ I had the pleasure of working side-by-side with Marilee in Pediatrics for a couple of years. She was an elegant and caring person who not only was there for her patients but was also willing to lend an ear when I needed someone to talk to. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

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**Wendy Kaseman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Marilee Wald

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**tina guizzetti** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I want to extend my greatest sympathy to Marilee's family and friends. I worked with Marilee at MedCenter for only a few months, but her special personality is one I will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Melissa Fossen

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**Melissa Fossen** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My sympathy goes out to you and your family. Take comfort in knowing she is pain free and at peace. God bless.

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**Marlen** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. May God bless you and comfort you.

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**Daryl Hill Family** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Marilee was our son's nurse after he had cardiac surgery at Mayo Clinic. The follow up care he got from Marilee, Dr. Ocejo and all the staff at Medcenter One was so wonderful and life giving. She was a fantastic nurse. She gave our frail little boy all his vaccinations and did it with such care that we were forever grateful for her. I'll always remember when he learned to walk, she took him by the hand and walked him out in the hall to show off to Dr. Ocejo and everyone else. We are so saddened by her death and will miss her very much. What a gift her presence was to our family.

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**Keith & Jill Helmuth** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I know that I have never known a more beautiful woman inside and outside. Mariee never said a bad word about anyone. She is someone I asspire to be like and her essence remains with me , as the days have gone by. She has left a space between that will always be a space, so I will always go about filling it up with memories of Marilee, our beautiful, dancing, and smiling Marileel love you my friend Marilee.....Love Sally and John Wolf

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**john and sally wolf** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

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**Tammy Olauson Boone** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My deepest sympathies to Marilee's family. I knew her from Grand Forks as our children went to school together at St Mary's. She truely was a wonderful mother, I remember a time when our daughters Megan and Jen wanted to wear make-up Jr High they weren't very good at it! Marilee took the time to have a Mary Kay party for them and their friends to teach them the proper way to take care of their skin and how to apply the products so as not to look like... well you can figure it out! She was very involved with the school, always willing to help when needed, she would always go the extra mile. Megan, Sarah, I knew you the best and please know that my heart goes out to you and the rest of your family, but you will make it through this as your mom made you stong and caring people. God Bless.

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**Karen Kiefel Picotte** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Marilee Wald*

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**Matt & Kristin Dyer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ *Roger - On behalf of everyone at American Solutions for Business, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Larry Zavadil** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My ten year old daughter said to me this morning, "Mom, I am going to miss her so much. She was so nice." We are both saddened by her passing and will forever miss her grace, patience, and caring. We thank her for the wonderful attention and devotion she gave us each and every time we made a visit or a phone call to the clinic. God Bless her and her family. She will truly be missed.*

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**Roxanne and Skyler** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *We are thinking about you all and hold you close to our hearts.*

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**Tricia Schweitzer** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *God's peace be with you all during this time of loss. I will keep your family in my prayers. Diana*

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**Diana Jacobson Goehring** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Marilee was a wonderful, caring, joyful individual and will be missed deeply.

Linda Heitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Marilee will be deeply missed. One word that always comes to my mind when I think of Marilee is classy. She had such a great presence about her. She was always so professional in her look and mannerisms. She stood tall and always looked confident. I am so grateful to have known Marilee. I enjoyed working with Marilee. She had such a great smile and big heart. Thank you, Marilee, for everything you have taught me over the last few years.

Kate Gartner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My heart and thoughts and prayers go out to Marilee's family. I have very fond memories as a child of our family visits with Marilee and Dave and their kids and am so sorry for your loss. God bless you all. Sara Neil Renney

Sara Neil Renney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Roger, Quinn, and all of Marilee's family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Marilee's passing. I enjoyed knowing her and helping take care of all your insurance needs. She was such a lovely lady that displayed such poise and beauty in all she did. I am sure she will be deeply missed by all.

Toni Heinert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Marilee Wald*

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**Bri and Jason Srnsky** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HZ

“ *MUCH LOVE TO ALL OF MARILEE'S BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN, ROGER AND FAMILY. MARILEE WILL BE MISSED BUT HAS LEFT WONDERFUL MEMORIES FOR HER FAMILY.*

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**Helen Zwak** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *I was so very saddened by the news of Marilee's passing. I am an old friend of Jenni's and my daughter is a patient of Dr. Ocejo so we had the joy of knowing Marilee through Q & R clinic. She was an absolutely wonderful nurse and just so nice! Whenever we needed anything or had questions about our daughter Marilee was always there to talk to us which we appreciated greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Nancy Johnson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

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**JENNI WALD** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Marilee will always be remembered, loved and missed by all of us at the clinic. Her confidence and sense of style is something I have always admired. She looked so "put together" every day and even managed to make scrubs look good. She was very proud of all of you kids and spoke of you often. May happy memories of her bring you peace and comfort.*

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**Leann Davis** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“Megan and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Words cannot express what I'd like to say to you at this time. My heart goes out to you and I pray that God will give you the peace and strength to face the times ahead. Take care and God bless you all.

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**Jen Ryan Kritzberger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“Marilee was a wonderful nurse. May her family find some of the peace and comfort she so easily brought to my heart and mind as a fretful, first-time mother. Know that she will be deeply missed by numerous children and parents throughout our community.

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**Sara Helbling** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve the passing of such an amazing woman. Megan, I wish I could take away even a sliver of your pain, I am so sorry for your loss. I must say that I am honored to have had Marilee as a part of my life and will cherish every memory. All my Love, Jen

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**Jen McGough Kiefel** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“Roger and Family, I was saddened to hear of Marilee's passing and your loss. She was a beautiful and gracious woman. I had the pleasure of knowing her thru Joanne J. and our Mary Kay business. My prayers and condolences go out to all of you. If I can help with anything please call.

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**Bobbi Jorgenson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Marilee was a wonderful friend to so many. She touched so many lives and always brightened our days. I will miss seeing her beautiful smile and hearing her warm voice. My deepest sympathy to Roger and family.*

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**Debbie Ness** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Wald Family, I am so so sorry to hear of Marilee's death. What a wonderful lady. She was always so wonderful with our girls, especially Abigail who has CP. I have very fond memories of her. Whenever we would run into her out and about she would have take time and talk to us and get a hug from Abigail. I remember her talking about her grandchild. She just glowed. May God be with you all during this difficult time. Kirsten*

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**Kirsten Gebhardt McIntyre** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Megan and Dayna and your family. Megan you meant the world to my family while you helped to take of my dad. I wish we could be there for you during this time, like you were for us with your compassion, gentleness, thoughts, tears and smile. Just remember we are there in thought and will hold you, Dayna and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Laurie Raway** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My heart goes out to all of you, at this saddest of times. I did not know Marilee well, but to listen to her daughters speak of her, I felt I was a member of the family, and my heart breaks with you now. No mother could ask for more love from her children. And I know that little Miss Ella was a highlight of her days. I hope that you all can remember her as I do - warm and vibrant, on the beach in Mexico at Leah and Zach's wedding... dancing.

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**Kristi Thompson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Megan I just met your Mom one time this summer at the ALS walk. What a riot she was in her red feather boa! I was jealous that you had such a cool mom. I will never forget the look on her face when she overheard us talking about how much money you had raised for the walk. She was so proud of you! It almost made me cry. I'm so sorry for you and your family. Thinking of you and your Mom always!

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**Miki Carlson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May your memories provide you comfort and strength.

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**Monica Colvin-Adams** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Roger and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Marilee was a wonderful lady and will be deeply missed.

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**DENNIS HOLZWORTH** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Leah, Sarah, and Megan, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. I know how hard it is to lose someone so special. If I was not in another hemisphere, you could bet I would be there. I am sorry I could not make it. God bless you and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Respectfully, Rance Schmidt

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**Rance Schmidt** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Roger and family, Marilee was a wonderful and kind person. She will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless You!

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**Sondra Oster** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Miss you already

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**Dayna Delaney** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Our dearest Marilee...so beautiful, so full of life, so kind, with a loving heart of gold...I am so very grateful we were able to spend that special time with you and your family before you left us. It was good to laugh and just be together to love you! You definitely exuded style right to the end! While those of us left behind are sad that you are gone, I promise you will never be forgotten! Your grace will live forever in all of us! We promise to continue to celebrate you with your wonderful family...our cousins....and for sure we will dance! Until we meet again, with all my heart and soul....I love you. Kristi

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**Kristi Hanson Wilhelmson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our kids have seen Dr. Ocejo and Marilee in the clinic for the last 9 years. Marilee was a very kind, caring and compassionate nurse. She was always so good with the children and so nice to talk to when we had any questions. She was a lady of such style and grace. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be greatly missed.

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**Jane and Dennis Beck** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Marilee was an amazing woman and I feel so blessed to have known her. She was like a second mom to me growing up in Grand Forks. I will cherish every memory I have of her and will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you! Love~ Lonny

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**Lonny Hill** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ Hi Roger We are sorry to hear of your wife's illness which lead to her death. We will keep you in our prayers. I am confident your wife is in a better place but am also confident you miss her. My sister Janet send us a clipping from the Bismarck paper. She told us what a wonderful person your wife was. I could understand as you are a great guy and deserved a wonderful woman. I enjoyed seeing you at the Zealand reunion. Love you Fran & Alice Aberle

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**Francis & Alice Aberle** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ To The Family I first met Marilee some thirty years ago. She was so full of life and taught us all on how life should be lived. I saw her a few months ago and was able to spent some time with her. I am a richer person in spirit in knowing her. My prayers and thoughts are with the entire family.

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**Steve Klein** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Roger and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God guide you on this journey. I worked with Marilee and she is missed. God Bless you all.

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**Cindy Ollenburger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Marilee, Roger and family's I will never forget Marilee's beautiful eyes and her beauty and kindness, what a lovely lady, every time I talked to here she has to show me pictures of her grand baby she was so proud, I will think of you all at this time and keep special prayers in my heart for you all. God Bless Tammy

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**Tammy Staebell** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Marilee Wald. She was a lady of amazing character, style, and grace and she will be deeply missed.

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**Holly Stecher** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ We are so sorry for your loss, you are all in are thoughts and prayers. Marilee was Paige and Korra's nurse. She was excellent at her job. We miss seeing her there!

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**Toni, Justin, Paige & Korra** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ MARILEE AND I WORKED WIC A SHORT TIME SURE LIKED WORKING WITH HER. MAY GOD KEEP HIS LOVING ARMS AROUND YOU ALL AND BLESS YOU

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**geneva** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**JESSE WROBLEWSKI** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM