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She buried her husband years ago An accident took him from her She, the quintessential wife, Slowly rebuilt her life Then a stroke ended her independence, Yet even in care she lived up to her name, Spreading joy from room to room Always a smile, a conversation, Always so interested In each person she met You could not help but smile Around Joy. Last night the stroke hit So much damage There will be no recovery Just the waiting For the final breath. Can't you just see her in Heaven. How she'll smile! How she'll chat up the angels? How at home she'll be With Mary and Martha? How she'll listen enraptured To story after story Arm in arm with her Joe? No more pain. No more weakness. Just Joy being Joy Smiling her way through Heaven.