

ETERNAL LOVE - Heartbreaking pic shows bride's grandad ducking out of wedding meal to eat next to memorial

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A BRIDE has melted thousands of hearts after sharing a touching image from her wedding of her grandad eating alone, staring lovingly at his late wife's memorial.

Sahrah Elswick, from West Virginia, posted the sweet snap from her big day on Twitter, captioning it: "Pawpaw sat and ate with mawmaw today at my wedding" with a sad-faced emoji.

Sahrah said her grandad is the sweetest man she knows after he ate next to a memorial of his late wife at her wedding

The tweet has had thousands of users tearing up, with almost 19,000 retweets and and 177 thousand likes.

The memorial to the bride's grandma Barbara, a white rocking chair adorned with fairy lights and photographs of mawmaw, held the framed message: "We know you would be here today if heaven wasnâ€™t so far away.â€•

Her grandad, Billy Gray, had been married to Barbara for 25 years before she died from colon cancer in 2017.

The response to the heartbreaking scene has been overwhelming, with strangers and friends alike reaching out to Sahrah and her grandad to offer their congratulations and condolences respectively.

One wedding guest replied: â€œYour wedding was beautiful and this was the sweetest thing Iâ€™ve ever witnessed.

"Iâ€™m glad we captured this moment and Iâ€™m sorry she couldnâ€™t physically be there with you on your big day, but she was definitely there.â€•

Another commenter replied: "I rarely reply in Twitter, but this is love. These pictures say so much about your pawpaw. Thank you for sharing.

"You are lucky to have such a great role model of what marriage should look like."

Sahrah replied to the kind comments, saying that her grandad was the "best" and the "sweetest" man she knows.

Replying to one user, the bride wrote of the memorial: "I just threw together this little memorial because I knew we both really wanted our passed on loved ones to be a part of our day.

"But it was so special to everyone."

The Twitter thread's response was summed up by one user who tweeted: "Pawpaw is the greatest man alive," with Sahrah replying: "I 100% agree."

Mawmaw's memorial was a touching way for Sahrah and her family to honour their missing guest

Billy Gray and Barbara had been married for 45 years before her death in 2017 from colon cancer

Sahrah, pictured with grandad Billy and her daughter Karsyn, posted the snap from her wedding day

She tied the knot with husband Zach

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