



Beau Beau Baggins Wilson

November 20, 2009 - June 27, 2022

Beau Beau Baggins Wilson, a sweet Golden Retriever, of Springfield, formerly of New Berlin and Chatham crossed over the rainbow bridge to join his sister, Molly, on Monday, June 27, 2022. As Dr. Jessica Keay provided those final moments of tender care, Beau was surrounded by his loving family at home. He was 12 years, 7 months and 7 days old, as for the last several weeks every day with Beau was counted.

Beau was born on Friday, November 20, 2009, in Atwood Illinois, the son of Bo & Maya, the friendly, yet crazy beast of the litter. We like to say they were saving the best for last, as he was the final pup remaining when he was claimed as part of the Wilson family. This was likely because of his displays of mischievous behavior of trying to pull rakes and other items from their hanging positions on garage walls, as people came to visit. We think we was waiting for us!

Beau was ALL PUPPY and loved to play tug with his toys however it soon expanded to include dish towels, bath towels, rugs, long shirt sleeves, socks, t-shirts and curtains. If someone would have visited the Wilson home, they would have thought that this burly beast of a pup was eating us out of house and home (decor).

Numerous trips to Dairy Queen for pup-cups, digging out recently refilled holes in the backyard and endless times of checking out (and pawing and barking at) the familiar puppy in the mirror was how Beau spent his first few months with Zack and Katie as a family of three.

In October 2010, Beau was joined by his baby sister from another mister (and mother), Molly. He was ready to give all the love he could to this little addition but Molly's bravery and the ears of innocent bystanders dictated that the two would need to slowly get to know each other. During this time Beau spent a lot of one-on-one time with his mom, while Molly became daddy's girl. It wasn't long before Beau and Molly became the best of friends, never wanting to leave the other's side. This bond built a wonderful team that would later result in one pulling the other around the yard in a kiddie pool, earthly explorations of the deepest of depths, shredding a collection of Vermont Teddy Bear collectibles, and the early demise of a planted pear tree at their Chatham home.

The family of four became a family of five when Lily was born and Beau fell in love. Always ever so curious about her little noises and eventually following her from room to room as she became mobile. While Beau did not play dress up as much as his "princess" sister, Molly, he was Lily's valiant steed and soft furry pillow. Beau later became Lily's roommate and spent as much time with her as he could over his last few months.

Beau could not find a stranger in anyone and would greet all that he met, both the two- and four-legged variety, with his spinning tail wag. Giving Beau just a

moment of your attention by a simple pat on the head would mean that you had a friend for life and that you would not easily get away as he simply would not allow for you to stop petting him, pawing at you should you take even the slightest break.

When the family moved to their current Springfield residence that meant a lot more walks for Beau which was one of his most favorite activities. He loved to see the neighbors outside and would take you directly to see his favorite of neighbors, a friendly black lab.

As Beau grew older his health problems began to broaden to include things other than the typical “golden retriever issues”. When his best friend, Molly, slipped away he rallied, and it seemed as though he was fighting to stay with us as he knew we needed him.

We are sure that Beau was met at the rainbow bridge by Molly. He leaves behind his heartbroken family, Zack, Katie, and Lily; his house mate, Teddy; and of course, gobs of golden fuzz.

Cremation was provided by our loving friends and associates of Butler Pet Services.