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## Her Prayers Are Worth Millions

### *Loose Change Proves To Be a Blessing*

**TRENTON (May 1, 2019)** – Wanda M. of Ledgewood in Morris County is a regular New Jersey Lottery player of both Scratch-Off and draw games. She plays with loose change found around the house and plays for the entire family, always using Quick Pick numbers.

Wanda told Lottery officials she had purchased two tickets for the April 29<sup>th</sup> Pick-6 drawing using some of that “loose change” and, later that night, watch the televised drawing. Before the drawing, she had said a lot of prayers that one of the tickets would be a jackpot winner. As she watched the drawing, it was astonishing as the numbers on her ticket matched what was appearing – one by one – on the television screen and announced by the draw hostess. In disbelief that this could be real, after the drawing was over, Wanda used the computer to check the numbers on the Lottery’s website.



**To her surprise, those many prayers were answered! Every number on one of the two tickets did match the numbers drawn. Wanda had in her hand a winning ticket for the Pick-6 jackpot worth \$4,000,000! This was her very first big win!!**

While she was contemplating the reality of this great gift, Wanda’s daughter came into the house and was concerned at the unusual look on her mother’s face. Something’s very wrong, she thought, until noticing the lottery ticket her mother was waving around.

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Wanda yelled out, “We won the Big One!” Her daughter found that hard to believe until personally checking the ticket against the numbers on the computer screen.

Together, they immediately drove to their regular retailer to validate the jackpot winning ticket. The very next morning, April 30<sup>th</sup>, son and daughter accompanied their mother to the New Jersey Lottery headquarters in Lawrenceville so Wanda could file her claim as the sole winner of the April 29, 2019 \$4,000,000 Pick-6 jackpot.

Wanda’s claim is the third multi-million dollar Pick-6 jackpot claim filed in 2019, joining Judith, Kenny and Sarah Smith who filed a claim for \$29.5 million in January and Stanley McKelvin who filed a claim for \$4.5 million in February.

Wanda of Ledgewood is proof that prayers do get answered!

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