



Donald E. Wilson

March 23, 1933 - January 19, 2021

Donald E. Wilson, 87 years old, passed away on January 19, 2021 at his home in Springfield, MO. He was the husband of Rowena (Roweton) Wilson. They shared 45 years of marriage together.

Donald was born in Chilhowee, MO on March 23, 1933 to Bert and Ruby Mae (Riley) Wilson. He graduated from Norris High School. He was employed at the American Can Company in Kansas City, MO as a production mechanic/supervisor, retiring after 37 years of service.

He was a member of The Rising Sun Masonic Lodge and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Donald served as a sergeant in the US Army. Donald had a love for the outdoors; boating, fishing, mushroom hunting and teaching his grandchildren to water ski. He enjoyed bowling, traveling, playing cards and attending bluegrass festivals. He was musically talented and had a natural ability to play any song just by ear. He had been given the nickname “golden fingers” because of this talent.

He will be remembered for his humor and kind and loving ways. He loved his family deeply and enjoyed spending time with them. His face lit up any time a grandchild or great-grandchild entered the house!

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Ruby Wilson; 2 brothers, Gene Wilson and Floyd Wilson; 2 sisters, Dorothy Robinson and Mabel Hurd. Donald is survived by his wife, Rowena Wilson; 2 sons, Raymond Wilson and Delayne (Lisa) Wilson; 2 daughters, Becky Ownby and Rhonda James; 9 grandchildren, Aaron (Lauren) Wilson, Megan Wilson, Patricia (Aaron) Dufner, Steven (Beka) Wilson, Ashley (Kevin) Kellison, Whitney (Austin) Ryker, Courtney (Colt) Prunte, Amanda (Louis) Bridges, Jacob Kissell; 11 great-grandchildren, Lillian Wilson, Harris Wilson, Mary Dufner, Barrett Dufner, Forrest Wilson, Rosie Wilson, Camden Gatewood, Kloe Kellison, Mason Kellison, Olivia Ryker, Rowyn Prunte; along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be on Saturday January 23, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with the funeral service starting at 11:00 AM. Burial will take place in Reed Cemetery, Halfway, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Polk County Senior Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside

JAN 23 (CT)

Reed Cemetery
Reed Cemetery
Halfway, MO 65663

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Wilson*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Donald E. Wilson*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Loved waiting on Don and Rowena. Always smiling and very nice people. Sending hugs . Such a hard time in our lives.*

Anne Howe - January 29, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *Ronda, Larry, Regina and Elaine and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald E. Wilson.*



Ronda, Larry, Regina and Elaine and families - January 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM

BS

“ I am at a loss of words to tell you how much Don and Rowena was loved by us. We have had coffee with Don and Rowena for so many years (since the early 1990 's) every day about 10:00 am. until they could no longer meet with us. Our hearts go out to you with prayers for comfort and strength as you go through the coming days. May God bless you all .Praying for all your family always. Hugs and love.

bonnie & Estal Stewart - January 20, 2021 at 10:58 PM

MW

“ Megan Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Donald E. Wilson.



Megan Wilson - January 20, 2021 at 06:20 PM

RW

“ My uncle Don. You always had that smile. I remember it since I was little. Tell my dad Floyd hello.
To my aunt, cousins and family you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love you all.
Robyn

ROBYN J WILSON - January 20, 2021 at 04:15 PM