



Billy Leroy Wilson

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Billy Leroy Wilson, 91, of rural Numa, Iowa entered God's kingdom on July 2, 2023.

Billy was born on May 5, 1932 in Numa, Iowa, the son of Walter and Zella (Smith) Wilson. He graduated from Seymour High School. On October 20, 1951, he was united in marriage to Jo Fry, and to this union, four children were born, Vicki, Tony, Jeanne, and Kelly. On November 4, 1952, Billy joined the United States Army. He faithfully served his country during the Korean war with the 35th Infantry Regiment, earning several medals. He was honorably discharged on September 21, 1954.

Billy worked at the Centerville Garage before joining the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors where he served as a District Service Manager for 33 years. The Omaha Zone was rated one of the best for many years and Billy was one of the top service managers in his zone.

His hobbies included collecting and restoring Oldsmobile cars. Billy was a member of the Oldsmobile Club of America for 46 years, where his cars received numerous first place awards. Bill was also a member of the Faith United Methodist Church, Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene, Iowa Oldsmobile Club, and the NRA. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well as tinkering in his shop, or cutting wood and clearing brush.

He is survived by his four children who were very blessed to call him Dad: Vicki Bowman (Brett), Tony Wilson (Roxanne), Jeanne Bryant (Michael) and Kelly Anson (Jeff); 9 grandchildren, Jason Geller, Devora Geller, Riva Andersen, Jessica Wilson, Julia Goodrich, Eric Knick, Katie Young, Matt Anson and Megan Ockenfels; along with 6 great grandchildren.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Fry Wilson and his sister, Donna Farnsworth.

Per wishes, cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life service will be held at



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2:00PM, Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Pastor Mark Wagner officiating. Burial will follow the service at Livingston Cemetery, southwest of Numa, with full Military Rites conducted. Visitation will take place Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 12:00-2:00PM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to either the Alzheimer's Association or to Lighthouse Nazarene Church in Moravia, IA, and they may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Wilson Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page. Services will be live-streamed, and can be viewed using this link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/billy-wilson-2023>



Tribute Wall

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RB

R.T. Brannan posted:

Billy was such a neat man and never wavered in his beliefs in God and Country. We often talked about our churches and, of course, our old Oldsmobiles . Billy would help me also farming questions before discussing our trucks. Yes, Oldsmobile's Omaha zone was probably the best of the 28 zones in the country and I know he was a faithful representative.I miss our talks but know I will see him again.Keep 'em moving Billy!Your partner from Valley View, Tx.Bob

July 16 at 7:00 PM

TC

Tom Clapham posted:

I worked with Billy at Oldsmobile in Kansas City as a fellow District Mgr. Service. He always shot straight and from the hip!!! Stubborn and hard headed. You never had to wonder where he was at on any subject. If he said he's gonna do something, you could bet it was going to get done. Love his Oldsmobiles through and through. He had some nice ones. He loved to work on them and show them. I attended a few shows with him. I was sure glad he got many years of retirement to have fun. Billy and Jo used to stop by KC and we'd have a nice long lunch to get caught up as they were on their way to Arkansas to spend some time in a resort (I think Bella Vista). I've stayed in touch with him by email for all our years we've known one another, especially since retirement. We are going to miss you big time Billy, there's only one guy like you. Thanks for all the great times. God Bless him and his family. May you Rest In Peace. Tom Clapham

July 15 at 7:00 PM

DS

Douglas Sedgwick posted:

I worked with Bill in Oldsmobile Division back in the late 80's until he & Wally Hermansen retired in 1992. Great guy !!!Doug Sedgwick

July 15 at 7:00 PM

KM

Ken Heesch And Nancy Morrison posted:

From Bill's old friend Kenny Heesch as transcribed by his daughter Nancy Morrison. A buddy for 75 years. High School nights we drove the town square---cars with no speed limit back then. Later we both found our wives and our families enjoyed many weekends together between Omaha and Des Moines. The kids rode bikes and Bill and I tinkered on cars. As we aged, we even shared having alzheimers. Bill loved God and read his Bible early in the morning. I look forward to seeing you soon pal in eternity.

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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DH

Doug And Marcia Hanes posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jim Buban, Sr. posted:

I was a GM dealer in Centerville for many years and spent a lot of time with Billy talking about Oldsmobiles. We had many good talks and his sister Donna was also a true friend of mine. He will be missed. Jim E. Buban, Sr.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

KK

Kevin Korff posted:

I will miss seeing Bill at the Oldsmobile Shows. He was a very kind man with a good sense of humor. I remember asking him how to fix something many times and he would look up at me wearing those black cowboy boots and his answer generally was: "What does the service manual say?" The first place I should have checked is the last thing I would think of, but he knew. He set a good enough example for his kids that they went with him to the Oldsmobile shows. I'm gonna miss Bill Wilson. Thank you for your help with the Hurst Hairy Olds tribute car.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

LA

Linda Arnold posted:

A very kind man.

July 11 at 7:00 PM

LS

Loretta G. Stufflebeem posted:

Hugs and prayers to all of you

July 11 at 7:00 PM

BW

Becky Wray posted:

Prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss.

July 10 at 7:00 PM



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SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

July 10 at 7:00 PM

MG

Michelle Minear Gray posted:

So sorry for your loss.

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AB

Angela Bratz posted:

What a wonderful man

July 10 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Billy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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