

Donald "Don" E. Wilson

December 1, 1933 - May 10, 2019

Donald "Don" Eugene Wilson, 85, of Beloit, WI, died on Friday, May 10, 2019 in his home. He was born on December 1, 1933 in Beloit, Wisconsin. He was the seventh child of Robert and Inez Wilson. The Wilson Family were all life-long members at Emmanuel Baptist Church in their beloved city.

Don attended Beloit schools; Burdge Elementary, Lincoln Junior High and Beloit Memorial High School. Don was an excellent scholar and enjoyed learning new concepts. He was also a talented athlete, with letters in varsity football. The proud graduate marched across the stage in 1953.

A short time later, Don enlisted in the United States Army where he was given the nickname "Doone". His servant's heart was revealed during this term of servitude, and he was always prepared to assist his fellow soldiers. Don earned the rank of Corporal and was honorably discharged in February 1955.

In 1959, Don married the love of his life, Ruth Anne Davis. She predeceased him on April 2, 2017. Don was also predeceased by his parents, son Clinton, grandson Dante, great-grandson Jared II, siblings John Earl, Ernestine Cain, Lois Buggs Hobson, Dorothy Wofford, Blanche Callaway, Robert Jr., Richard Wilson, and Marion Elaine Arnold.

In addition to being a devoted family man, Don balanced his time with a busy career. He worked for 19 years at Beloit Memorial Hospital as a maintenance worker and was promoted to Supervisor of the Maintenance Department at the Beloit Clinic, serving for 22 years.

Don's big smile, friendly nature, warm personality, overflowing kindness and infinite integrity also served him well as a Volunteer Youth Leader, Cub Master, Boy Scout Master and Football Coach, Tutorials in Math at Gaston Elementary School, and Lunch and Learning at Beloit Memorial High School.

Don was proud to be a dedicated pillar in civic, community and social organizations. He received a multitude of awards and accolades for his compassion to any task. These included membership and performance as the last presiding President of the Quest Club, Membership on the Board of Directors of Fairbanks Flats, Membership on the Angel Museum Board of Directors, Membership on the Evenings Lions Club and Member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.).

Donald leaves to continue his legacy, his daughter Karen, son Gregory (Randi), son Kerwin (Vickie), nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, brother-in-law George D. Arnold, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and a very special companion, Betty Holloway.

Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 in Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1151 Dr. Floyd Prude Jr. (East Grand) Ave., Beloit, WI, with Minister Kimberly Inez Arnold officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery with military honors accorded by the V.F.W. Mead-Allen Post #2306. Visitation of remembrance will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service Friday in the church. Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI, assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be given in his name to Beloit Regional Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.daleymurphywisch.com

Cemetery

East Lawn Cemetery

2200 Milwaukee Road
Beloit, WI,

Events

MAY **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Emmanuel Baptist Church
1151 E. Grand Ave., Beloit, WI, US

MAY **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ My dad was a very special man to a lot of people and the best father ever. I thank everyone for your condolences and kind words. He will truly be missed by my siblings and myself.

Greg Wilson

greg wilson - June 07 at 07:21 PM



“ We all have such wonderful memories of Don. He was a gentleman and very kind person, always involved in the community. We'll miss his smiling face. It was always a joy to see him. Rest in eternal peace dear Don. The Patterson Daughters Cathy, Linda, Becky

Cathy Patterson Winford - May 31 at 07:07 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor to me. I can remember going to the hardware store with him and always running into someone he knew. He was always ready to stop in for a visit or lend a helping hand to some project. He will be deeply missed.

Cindy Vento - May 18 at 01:49 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Wilson's passing. I had the honor and privilege of having him on my bus last year on the VetsRoll trip to Washington D.C. to see the memorials. I spent a good deal of time getting to know him and have to agree he was a very personable gentleman.

John Schroeder - May 16 at 01:57 PM



“ So loved running into Don occasionally. I had known him at the hospital. He had such a welcoming smile.

Ruth Atwood - May 16 at 01:44 PM



“ Austin Wilke lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" E. Wilson



Austin Wilke - May 16 at 07:55 AM



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“ Iv'e know Donald all my life, growing up in Beloit, Wisconsin. He was a great man, born in a wonderful Family. He was a member of our Ross Hill Family Reunion Group, attending many of our reunions. He was family and will be greatly miss in the coming years. Prayers from myself amd all Ross Hill Family members. We'll be together at the Grand Reunion one day.

Gerald Gordon, Dixon, California

Gerald Gordon - May 15 at 01:17 PM



“ I am shocked to hear this.. So Sad.. Don was such a gentleman and I loved seeing him with the High school students. He always had a great smile when he came to mentor students at lunch and learn.. O, how I wish I would have spent more time with this wonderful man... Just a great community minded angel..I am sure he was needed in a place that we all hope to go when that time comes...Pax Vobiscum... Prayers to all your family and great friends.. You have so many...

James A Driscoll - May 14 at 08:11 PM



“ Don will be greatly missed. He was an excellent mentor. Always had a smile & always greeted everyone. He was a true gentleman. Sympathies to his family. i worked with Don at the Beloit Clinic. I'm sure he'll keep smiling in heaven. Noreen Roberts



Noreen Roberts - May 14 at 02:42 PM



“ Don Wilson was one of the finest men I have ever had the opportunity to know. Don and I worked together at both the hospital and the clinic. He was always there no matter what you needed. We had so many, many wonderful conversations over the years and I truly valued him as my friend. I recently saw him at Shopko and had a chance once more to chat with him. I will truly miss this wonderful person. Rest in peace Don - you truly have earned your place in Heaven. Janet Sumpter

Janet Sumpter - May 14 at 10:27 AM



“ Mr. Don Wilson was a very nice person, I saw him several times , Don came to our family reunion in Ripley, miss he had a great time, just like family he talk with everyone. I always call him uncle Doon! R.I.H. you will truly be missed. Patricia Rogan.

Patricia Rogan - May 15 at 07:42 AM



“ Sorry for your loss I worked with Don at the clinic until he retired and seen him on occasion outside of the clinic and also knew Ernestine and Dorothy sorry again for your loss



Kathy Larson - May 13 at 02:30 PM



“ We offer sincere condolences to family and friends of Don... We count ourselves as old friends and classmates who are among many missing him already. God gifted Don with a wise mind, kind speech, a loving heart and helpful hands. He is surely in good company now . We know he will be greeting us with that special smile before long. May God continue to bless and comfort his family.

Ken and Marilyn Shockley (Naples FL)

Ken and Marilyn Shockley - May 13 at 12:05 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss--I worked with your dad at the hospital and he was ALWAYS ready to help out. May your memories hold you during this difficult time.

Kathi Mielke - May 13 at 09:39 AM



“ When I think of Don Wilson, I think of his upbeat personality and contagious smile. Don you will be missed and God Bless You!

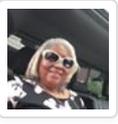
Steve Kraus - May 13 at 08:01 AM



“ Don, I'm saddened from the news that you have passed. I always enjoyed visiting with you at our yearly AutoRama, Loren D. Rosenberry, Sr.



Loren D Rosenberry Sr - May 13 at 07:50 AM



“ We miss and love you so much Uncle Don.
Love Always
Ronnie and Lynda Anderson



Lynda Anderson - May 13 at 01:46 AM



“ Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy at the loss of a very special person, Don. He was always there with a smile, handshake and "how's your family" He was so involved in the community and with the people of Beloit. He will be missed.

Steve Hammill - May 12 at 09:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Don many years ago. I saw him frequently at the Beloit Clinic. He was such a great guy. He always had a smile for everyone. After many conversations with him, I found out he was married to a girl I went thru school with...small world. I'm sure he will be remembered with much love and happy thoughts.

Nancy Miller - May 12 at 09:09 PM



“ Mr. And Mrs. Paul Morrow lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" E. Wilson



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morrow - May 12 at 03:40 PM