



Ed Wilson

February 25, 1936 - August 22, 2021

Edward Benjamin Wilson, 85, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 22, 2021 after a long battle with heart disease.

Ed was born on Feb. 25, 1936 to Zella (Styles) and Wiley Wilson in Bowdon. After graduating from Bowdon High School, he went on to study biology at West Georgia College, then agriculture at the University of Georgia, where he met his future wife Ann (Oldham) Wilson of Macon. The two wed after his graduation in 1960. Ed also began serving in the Marine Corps, which took the young couple to Camp Pendleton, California, where their first daughter, Amy, was born.

After his active service, Ed returned to his hometown as a biology teacher at Bowdon High, while also joining his father's egg business, which became Wilson and Son. The couple's second daughter, Ellen, was born at that time. Ed determined he wanted to continue his teaching career and also further his education, ultimately completing a PhD in Education at Florida State University. The couple's third child, son Neal, was born in Tallahassee during that time.

He continued serving in the Marine Corps Reserves, reaching the rank of Major, while training recruits during the Vietnam conflict before completing his service.

Ed continued his education career for over 40 years, teaching at both college and high school levels, and serving in administration. He devoted much of his time to teaching students with special needs.

After his retirement, he spent his time volunteering, fishing, watching wildlife and gardening at his home on Wiley's Pond, a place he considered his own slice of heaven.

Ed was predeceased by his wife, his parents, and brothers Neil, James, Garfield and Richard. He is survived by his children Amy Wilson, Ellen Wilson and Neal Wilson, Neal's wife, Destiny, his nieces Trina (Wilson) Johnston, Jennifer (Wilson) Burke, Krista (Wilson) Komosinski, Carolyn (Wilson) Wong, nephew Tony Wilson, and many more friends and relations.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at Rainwater Funeral Home (317 N. Carroll St., Bowdon, GA 30108) with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the hospice organization of your choice or Greenpeace, two of Ed's favorite charities.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Neda McDonald lit a candle in memory of Ed Wilson*



Neda McDonald - September 07, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *I was a caregiver for Mr. Wilson at one point in time. I am saddened to hear of his passing. Thinking of the family in these months to follow. Bless his soul. Rest In Peace, my friend.* ❤️



Briana Titshaw - August 30, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *29 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - August 28, 2021 at 08:54 AM

RC

“ *Rob Cash lit a candle in memory of Ed Wilson*



Rob Cash - August 27, 2021 at 10:25 PM

GE

“ *I was one of Mr Wilson's caregivers. He was a very smart man. He liked to talk and loved having company. He will be greatly missed. He lived life to its fullest*

Gary Easterwood - August 27, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Sheila Champion lit a candle in memory of Ed Wilson*



Sheila Champion - August 27, 2021 at 09:32 AM

MH

“ *Mike & Lee Haynes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ed Wilson*



Mike & Lee Haynes - August 25, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Ed Wilson.*



August 25, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *Kay Driver lit a candle in memory of Ed Wilson*



Kay Driver - August 25, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *It is always sad when you lose a family member. Ed was one of my 1st cousins. I had not seen him in many years which is very sad. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. It is so sad we have lost contact with family. Love you all, Vicki*

Vicki Crowell - August 24, 2021 at 08:28 PM