



Mr. Ray Wilson

March 30, 1932 - January 5, 2022

Obituary

Ray Wilson, 89, of Plano, Texas was born on March 30, 1932 to Nancy Mae Wilson of Dalton, Missouri. Ray had a younger brother, Raymond. Both his Mother and infant younger brother preceded him in death.

Ray was the product of the Dalton Missouri Vocational Education system but what Ray excelled at was farming and handling livestock. Ray always had a helpful “can do” attitude that carried him throughout his childhood and life. He could fix or build just about anything from scratch, and he is always remembered for tinkering in his garage on some new project for his house. Ray loved cars and the RVing life and would love to talk to anyone about both. He was also known for how well he maintained his personal items including his meticulously manicured lawn and all his vehicles never seeing a speck of dust.

Ray moved from Dalton, Missouri to Kansas City, Missouri and began working in various jobs from warehouse loading docks to becoming an ambulance driver for Mercy Hospital. He was a dedicated, trustworthy, meticulous, dependable person who eventually worked his way into becoming one of the Environmental Services Supervisors at Menorah Medical Center. He retired from Menorah in May of 1994.

Ray married Lucille Miller and from this union four children were born, Nancy Ford (preceded him in death), Margaret Anderson, Johnny Ray Wilson, and Archie Wilson all of whom reside in the Kansas City area. This marriage ended in divorce.

On October 2nd, 1965, Ray married Barbara Jean Cooksey (Nixon) of Kansas City and from this union Ray gained two additional loving sons, Larry Eugene Cooksey (preceded him in death), and Kevin Dale Cooksey of Kansas City and from this union Jarrett Ray Wilson of Plano, Texas was born. He stayed by Barbara's side daily, devoted to her in every way until her death on October 27th, 2015.

Ray confessed his faith in Jesus Christ later in life. He joined the Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church and later became a faithful member of the Southside First Missionary Baptist Church where he served in various roles including singing in the Male Chorus.

Ray transitioned to his heavenly home on January 5th, 2022 at 1:17am after a courageous battle with pneumonia.

He is survived by his children, daughter, Margaret Anderson, sons Johnny Ray Wilson, Archie Wilson (LaDonna) Kevin Dale Cooksey and Jarrett Ray Wilson (Carmen), Sisters-in-Law, Iva Warren and Valerie Freeman (Ronald), and a host of loving Great-Grand Children, Grand-Children, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and Friends, old and new, that are too many to mention.

Ray will always be remembered for his strength, devotion to Barbara and commitment to those he loved. He was always known to share a quick story about that "Dalton Dust" and farming in general and would leave whoever he

encountered feeling better. Ray will be missed for his smile, quick wit, great stories and sarcastic humor. The mold was broken when God made Ray. He is now home resting in the warm embrace of Barbara and his Heavenly father.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, January 21, 2022, 11:00am at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9am-11am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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