



## Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr.

October 2, 1946 - December 26, 2017

Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr. age 71 formerly of Galion and more recently of Marblehead, died at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima on Tuesday Dec. 26, 2017 at 10:34pm. He was born on October 2, 1946 in Richlands, VA, to the late Ira R. Wilson Sr. and Louise (Brown) Simmons of Arkansas.

He married Patricia "Pat" Mills on Feb. 14, 1985 and she survives in Marblehead. Mr. Wilson is survived by 3 daughters Rachelle (Kevin) Hartman, Arlington, Amy Tallman, Lexington, Heather (Bobby) Jones, Mansfield, 4 grandchildren Harrison Hartman, Madeline Hartman, Trevor Tallman, Wilson Tallman, 3 brothers Jack Wilson his significant other Edie, Eddie (Karen) Wilson, Mike Wilson, 2 sisters Mary Zerby and Joyce Stevenson. He was preceded in death by 2 nieces Brenda Coykendall, Jerene Faulkner, father-in-law Charles Lamb and mother-in-law Doris Lamb.

Willie graduated from Mt. Gilead High School class of 1965. Mr. Wilson was a US Marine Veteran, serving during the Vietnam Conflict in Okinawa. He worked for Columbia Gas and retired after 30 years. After retirement he continued his career with United Technical for 10 years. Willie was a member of First United Church of Christ, Elks Lodge BPOE #1191 and Moose Lodge #303 all of Galion. For hobbies he enjoyed boating, camping, tractor pulls, farming, stain glass and being with his grandchildren. He will be remembered as a jack of all trades, patient, kind, and how he taught his family to love.

A funeral service will be held Sunday December 31, 2017 at 1:00pm in Bringman Clark Funeral Home , Upper Sandusky with Pastor Steve Ramsey officiating. Burial will follow at Bishop Cemetery, Eagle Township, Arlington with full military graveside rites being conducted by Hancock County Veterans Squad. Family will receive friends on Saturday December 30, 2017 from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the funeral home and an hour prior to the funeral service on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Marblehead Lighthouse, Good Hope Lutheran Church or to the charity of the Donor's Choice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit [www.BringmanClark.com](http://www.BringmanClark.com) to extend a condolence or share a memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home  
226 E. Wyandot Avenue  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351  
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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Sorry to hear about Willie. I have heard from lots of his 1965 classmates that also express their sympathy. Again so sorry. Mike Lancaster

mike lancaster - January 06, 2018 at 08:02 PM

MB

“ We have so many memories of Willie being our next door neighbor from 1985 till just last summer. What a kind hard working wonderful guy. If we ever had a problem we had a quick answer from Willie. We will always remember our Christmas lights "wars" from earlier years. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Pat and the family. Love  
Mike and Jean Bodkins

Mike and Jean Bodkins - December 30, 2017 at 07:01 PM

RN

“ To the Wilson Family,  
We were so sorry to read about Willie passing. Please accept our sympathies and prayers.  
The Ron Nelson Family



Ron and Linda Nelson - December 30, 2017 at 06:18 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. Love you cousin Carol

carol lamb smith - December 30, 2017 at 11:34 AM

DP

“ Pat and family so sorry to hear of your loss. Willie was a good man and always friendly. I heard about Willie while growing up when he worked with my dad. Now all the gas company guys can talk about the old times. My thoughts are with you at this trying time.

Donene Poffenbaugh - December 30, 2017 at 10:20 AM

JW

“ Go rest high on that mountain Mr Marine

Jim Wilson - December 29, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..



December 29, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..



December 29, 2017 at 01:59 PM

JK

“ Pat and kids, I'm so sorry to hear about Willie. He was such a great guy, always doing for others. He will be Missed.

Joe Kleinknecht - December 29, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..



December 29, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ So sad to hear of Willie's passing. I knew Willie only a short time but was looking forward to knowing him better and spending time together at the Lake. He will be missed.



**Gary Junker** - December 29, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..



December 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..



December 29, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..*



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December 29, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of Willy's death. He was a great neighbor to the Flower Cart in Galion, shoveling us out several times. He was so kind and always brought a smile to a room. Please know Pat, that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. With Our deepest Sympathy  
Lisa and Tony*

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**Lisa Dye** - December 29, 2017 at 06:09 AM



*We are so saddened to hear of Cuz death. It's sad to think he died. Our condolences to his mom & all his brothers & sister's. & To you Pat & all his girls. May he rest in peace. We will always love him.*

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**Peggy Martin Sparks** - December 29, 2017 at 10:33 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Willie was a great guy.*

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**Karen & Paul Eberle** - December 30, 2017 at 06:26 PM



*Pat, so sorry to hear to your hubby's passing.....please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Larry & Carolyn Grimes*

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**Carolyn Grimes** - January 03, 2018 at 09:43 AM

FZ

“ From Louise Simmons & Mary Zerby purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Ira R. "Willie" Wilson Jr..



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**From Louise Simmons & Mary Zerby** - December 28, 2017 at 08:57 PM

MK

“ I met Willie when I worked at Galion Building and Loan in the 80's. the first time I waited on him I asked if his name was really IRA, taking it literally as a banker. It was a joke between us from then on. When I met Chelle and she called him Willie, I had no idea we were speaking about the same kind man. He will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.

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**Micki Kochheiser** - December 28, 2017 at 08:05 PM

TS

“ Willie was always such a kind an caring person, and i always felt that he was like a step dad to me also. Scott and i have great camping and cruising memories with Willy, Pat, and the whole family. Willie, you will be greatly missed by many.

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**Tracey Schroeder** - December 28, 2017 at 01:52 PM

JP

*Willie and Pat welcomed us to our home in Marblehead over 27 years ago, when Paulette & I moved into the neighborhood. This man was a gentle giant with never a harsh word ever heard from his mouth and a welcoming smile always on his face. We were excited to hear that he and Pat were going to be our year round neighbors just a few short months ago. All he ever expressed to me for the last 10 years was he wanted to retire but that day never came. After his 1st retirement he went back doing landscape work for the company that he originally worked for. Then was re-hired in as a consultant for the job he originally retired from and spent days and weeks on the road making sure the job was done right. You are finally going to get the well deserved rest that was sought for so many years. Rest in Peace now with God my friend and you will be missed by so many. You made our life's a lot better with that soft voice and great smile.*

*Jack Petrick*

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**Jack Petrick** - December 28, 2017 at 09:16 PM

LL

*Although I have only known Willie for a short amount of time, it seems like we have know each other for years. I will miss my desire to have been able to spend more time knowing such a caring giving man. I feel that I have loss a good friend especially one to share my wine with!!!*

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**Laura Little** - December 28, 2017 at 09:59 PM

MT

*Willie was such a sweet man always had a smile & we thought a lot of Pat & Him We will remember the times we spent with the family at the band concert & school activities with our grandson*

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**Millie Tallman** - December 29, 2017 at 09:28 AM

LH

*Willie, our brother in Christ is now and always has been in the lap of our Savior. We the older members of Harbor Grove Yacht Club will be lessor due to our lose of his presents among us. However , we are enriched because of being a part but yet a small part of his life. Pat, due to forecasted weather we may not be present for our brother, "Willie" but Our hearts and prayers are with You and your Family during this time of sorrow. A gift is being sent to the First United Church of Christ in Galion in loving memory of ,Willie., Lu and Carol Hamit, Rocky and Sue DeWalt, Dutch and Carol Jackson, Chuck Keller and Ed Govang*

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**Luan Hamit** - December 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM

SF

*Ira will be missed. Bob and I thought the world of him. We use to laugh when people in Mt. Gilead would ask Bob if he was the gas man or mail man. A wonderful person. Just knowing Bob was at heavens gate to welcome an old friend. Prayers for his family.*

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**Shirley Fissell** - December 29, 2017 at 04:14 PM