



Ray L. Wilson

December 2, 1926 - February 12, 2017

Dateline: Alton

Ray L. Wilson, 90, died at 1:55 p.m. Sunday, February 12, 2017 at his home in Alton. Born December 2, 1926 in Jasper, Alabama, he was the son of Hewitt and Cora (Blackwell) Wilson. Mr. Wilson served in the U.S. military for 21 years beginning with the Navy and then transferring to the Army as a paratrooper and an MP during the Korean War. He was an avid follower of professional football and baseball and loved playing cards. On May 24, 1984 he married Viola Autery in Wood River. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Sherry Cobb (Don) of Palmyra, TN, and Terry Haskell (Ron) of Centerville, MO, three step sons, Gary Autery (Linda) of Brighton, Lonnie Autery of Alton, Robert Kempfer (Margie) of Pensacola, FL, six grandchildren, Billy (Kelly) Haskell, Scott (Luci Janu) Haskell, Mike (Kim) Haskell, John (Kami) Haskell, Louie (Misty) Laftik, and Leia (Josh) Welk, 14 great grandchildren; Luden, Eva, Goldie, Makalia, Quentin, Dakota, Kaden, Trendon, Zofia and Shayla Haskell, L J Laftik, Emry, Evan, and Kayley Welk, four step grandchildren, James (Lindee) Autery, Jason (Andrea) Autery, Nicholas Autery, Emily (Jason) Thatcher and seven additional step grandchildren, seven step great grandchildren, Alyssa, Max, Ava, Brock, and Kayden Autery, and Jackson and Logan Thatcher, and a brother, Charles Wilson of Florida. Also surviving are three nephews, Matt and Mike Barber and Tim Wilson, and a niece, Linda Wilson. Along with his parents, he was

preceded in death by a step son, James Kempfer, a step daughter, Mary Bosworth, two step grandsons, four brothers, Burvel, Earvel, Coy and Jack Wilson and a sister, Shirley Ann Barber. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto with full military honors. Memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

Bethalto, IL 62010

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

FEB 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ray L. Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ray L. Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ray L. Wilson.*



February 14, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ *Steve&Sue, Barry&Deb,Danny&MaryBeth,Barb&Jim, Mike purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ray L. Wilson.*



Steve&Sue, Barry&Deb,Danny&MaryBeth,Barb&Jim, Mike -
February 14, 2017 at 09:46 AM