



James Lionel Wilson

November 6, 1937 - August 24, 2024

James Lionel Wilson passed away on August 17, 2024, in Houston, Texas. Lionel was born on November 6, 1937, in Laurel, Mississippi to Wilma Boyles Wilson of Laurel, Mississippi and Rufus Wilson of McCall Creek, Mississippi. He lived a life marked by dedication to his family, service, and faith.

Lionel graduated from George S. Gardner High School in 1955 and later attended Jones County Junior College. He served honorably in the National Guard Reserves for 6 years; a commitment that reflected his dedication to his country. Lionel took great pride in his participation with the Boy Scouts of America. He received his Eagle Scout award in 1953.

Lionel was baptized at West Laurel Baptist Church. After his move to Houston, Texas, he became a member of the Second Baptist Church where he found community in his faith with the Lord.

Mr. Wilson started his 41-year career in computer systems development at International Paper Corporation in Mobile, Alabama and later with Continental Motors Corporation. An eventful period started in 1970 with his marriage to Martha and a move to Houston, Texas. While at the Johnson Space Center with Lockheed and Computer Science Corporation his responsibility increased from Technical Analyst to Manager of the software systems development. In 1980, his career path led to the establishment of a small software business

with the full support of his beloved wife and son. The company successfully developed and marketed products worldwide in computer systems management. The success of Software and Management Associates, its world-class products, and professional and dedicated staff was his proudest accomplishment.

Lionel leaves behind his beloved wife of 54 years, Martha Wilson, and his son and wife, Michael and Laura Taylor, as well as ten nieces and nephews. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Amy Scarborough, Erin Dinh, Leslie Hooker, Bret Taylor and Sarah Taylor as well as 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ralph Wilson, and his sisters, Nell Hulon, Helen Roberts, and Bonnie Wade.

James will be remembered for his kind spirit, service, and the love he had for his family and country. His legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Visitation will be at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, Laurel, Mississippi, September 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Service will follow at 11:00 a.m.

Interment will be at Crestview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to Mission Northeast. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1207 New Caney, Texas 77357.

To sign the online guest book, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Crestview Cemetery

Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (cst)

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“ *Jim and Martha were such warm and wonderful hosts during our visit to Houston in 1987. I will always remember their kindness and hospitality. I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. May his memory live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.* ”



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