



Russell Barnett Wilson

October 1, 1936 - August 8, 2022

Russell Barnett Wilson was born October 1, 1936 and passed away August 8, 2022.

Russ was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served his country in Japan during the Korean Conflict.

He met the love of his life, Jeanette Adams Wilson, in 1958 at Lackland Air Force Base and there started their 64 years of marriage. Russ and Jeanette made Laurel their home in the fall of 1969 where for over 43 years Russ owned and operated Autumn South Rentals at 501 Central Avenue. Russ was a faithful believer, a godly man and had a reputation all his life and especially in business as truthful, forthright and full of integrity.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Russell Wilson and Clara Barnett Wilson; and his brother, Ted Wilson. Russ left behind his wife, Jeanette Adams Wilson of Laurel, MS; his three children, Terri (Jay) Porter of Collierville, TN, Brad Wilson of Rome, NY and Barry (Judy 2011) Wilson of Hattiesburg, MS; three grandchildren, Ryne (Ashley) Porter of Fayetteville, AR; Russ (Elizabeth) Porter of Denver, CO and Reese (Laura) Porter of St Louis, MO; nine great grandchildren; his sisters, Nancye Porter of Palm Harbor, FL, Pat Miles of Cincinnati, OH and June (Wayne) Endicott of Covington, KY; and eight nephews and nieces.

In honor of the deceased wishes, there will be no memorial service. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital which has been the longstanding charity of choice for Russ and Jeanette.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *just now confirming his passing. May GOD bless all !*

Rodney Merle Schiltz - September 06, 2025 at 11:26 PM

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“ *Russ was such a wonderful Godly man devoted to his family and friends. He had such a zeal for life with an infectious laugh and smile. I knew him for many, many years and my life was the richer for it. All my condolences and prayers go out to Ms Jeanette, Terri, Barry, and Brad. Mr Russ was truly one of the finest men I knew.*

Renee Roddey - August 13, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Russell Barnett Wilson.*



August 12, 2022 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Sending our love to all of you at Russ' passing. One of my favorite memories of spending time with Jeanette and Russ was early in their marriage, in San Antonio. Very, very often all four of our family would go over to Jeanette and Russ' house after Sunday night church, and Jeanette would make biscuits and gravy for our dinner. I remember from my childhood watching Russ as he watched Jeanette work in the kitchen. His eyes were full of love, and it just made me happy to be a part of this family. My prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of Uncle Russ. Much love,
Lynette DeBord Pruett*

Lynette Pruett - August 10, 2022 at 08:03 PM