



David Enoch Wilkinson

May 6, 1954 - May 13, 2020

David Enoch Wilkinson, 66, of Bath, passed away in rural Bath Township, at 11:34 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. David was born May 6, 1954, in Columbus, Ohio, to Curtman and Jessie (O'Neal) Wilkinson.

David had a charismatic personality and always thought of others before himself. His vast array of life experiences enabled him to share stories and build a deep connection with those around him. He was a devoted father who often celebrated and shared the achievements of his children. He played along with their affectionate nicknames and always made sure they knew how much he loved them. His family was his pride and joy.

Mr. Wilkinson is survived by two children: Ryan Wilkinson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Danielle Wilkinson of Charlotte, North Carolina; his one brother: Dale Wilkinson, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; his nephew: Jake Wilkinson, of Biloxi, Mississippi; and many lifelong friends, including Cliff Erixon, of Jacksonville, Illinois.

A 1972 graduate from Jacksonville High School, David spent most of his life growing up in Illinois with his brother, Dale, who was with him thru thick and thin. He had a long career as a store manager for various retail establishments across many cities in the United States. He had a penchant for turning around even the most troubled of stores.

David had recently accomplished his dream of returning to Illinois. His life had shifted from business and bustle to pleasant adventures, friends, and family. Whether he was watching an old movie, listening to music, fixing up the house, or searching the creek beds for arrowheads, Dave was starting to recreate some of his favorite memories. He will be dearly missed and forever loved.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Illinois River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge Complex. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Checks made out to Illinois River NWFR can be sent to:

19031 E County Road 2110 N
Havana, IL 62644

Tribute Wall



“ *David Enoch Wilkinson*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you, Danielle and Ryan on the loss of your dad. He was a loving and proud father, this was easy to see over all the years and just too soon for his passing. I remember most of all his good nature and fun demeanor. Last time seeing Dave was a celebratory night at a family wedding in Colorado, we had fun, a great time and will hold that memory of him and his smile fondly. I'll always keep the family in my prayers. Love, Uncle Brian*

Brian Staubach - June 02, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *So very sorry for a life ending much too soon. You will be missed Dave and I will always remember your sense of humor and the love you had for your family
My thoughts and prayers will always be for his beautiful family left behind.*

Karen Staubach - June 01, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *Thank you for the many years we were able to share. Such a devoted husband and dad who will be missed dearly.
You will be in our hearts forever and I pray for peace and healing for our family.*



Barbara M Wilkinson - May 26, 2020 at 05:02 PM

JP

“ We are both very saddened by Dave’s abrupt departure from our world. We only had a short time with him as our new neighbor at our river house, but we will truly miss him. Thoughts and prayers to all of his family and friends. RIP. Sincerely Matt & Julie Peterson

Julie Peterson - May 25, 2020 at 04:57 PM

MB

“ Wilkie, you will be missed, see you again in heaven.

Monty Bradney - May 24, 2020 at 08:31 PM

AC

“ We are deeply saddened by your loss and will always cherish our wonderful memories of happy times with Dave. We wish your family comfort and strength in the weeks ahead.

Love,
Alice & Chris Connors



Alice Connors - May 23, 2020 at 02:39 PM

WS

“ Dear Ryan and Danielle,
Please accept our deep, heartfelt condolences on the sudden death of your father. You will miss him, as will his other family members and friends.
We fondly remember the many family/holidays get togethers and celebrations we shared with him. Dave always showed a gentlemanly demeanor, he was an interesting person and a delight to have around. As an accomplished business person we admired him, as an in-law we cherished him and as a friend we loved him. He always displayed a ready willingness to help.
While words of ours may not soften your sorrow, the thought that we will always include him in our prayers, may make your grief just a bit easier to bear.
We love you,
Grete and Grandpa.

William Staubach - May 23, 2020 at 01:31 PM

MW

“ David was a wonderful person, He always made me happy and we laugh a lot. I will truly miss him. Maryjane Wilkinson

Maryjane Wilkinson - May 23, 2020 at 07:36 AM

KC

“ My heart breaks over the loss of Dave. Not only was he generous and hard working, but he could ease any situation by flashing a smile and cracking a joke. He will be forever missed. Love you always.



Kristin Connors - May 22, 2020 at 07:19 PM

RW

“ Love you forever, dad! Thank you for helping make me the person I am today.



Ryan Wilkinson - May 22, 2020 at 06:17 PM



Awesome picture and a great memory to cherish for years to come.

Chris Connors - May 23, 2020 at 01:53 PM

KS

I love this picture

Karen Staubach - June 01, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of David Enoch Wilkinson



Mary Hundt - May 22, 2020 at 03:51 PM