



Donald Franklin Wilson

February 26, 1935 - December 22, 2023

Donald Franklin Wilson, 88, of Manito, passed away at his home at 4:56 p.m., on Friday, December 22, 2023, surrounded by loving family. He was born February 26, 1935, in Manito, Illinois, to John F. and Hazel L. (Zimmerman) Wilson. He married Patricia A. (Reynolds) White, on March 10, 1984, at the Forest City Community Church. She survives.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Manito; five children: Valerie Breedlove, Jean Hottell, both of Manito, Mary Beth (Jim) Meyer, of Naples, Florida, John (Ann) Wilson, of Manito, and Renee (Danny) Pherigo, of Topeka, Illinois; thirteen grandchildren: Mandi (Scott) Warner, Brooke (Torey) Sledge, Nora Beth (Brent) Winkler, Clifford Wayne (Jeni) Meyer, Ryann (Jeremy) Farlin, Christa (Justin) Smith, Brad (Jaclyn) Wilson, Kevin (Heidi) Kolvis, Levi (Jessie) Kolvis, Ben (Malori) Kolvis, Danny Joe (Sammi) Pherigo, Courtney Pherigo, Blake (Kristin) Pherigo, Nina Cox Smith, and Stacy (Spud) Beckner; great-grandchildren: Ava and Mia Warner, Preston, Ashton, Brighton, Khloe, Quinton and Kingston Sledge, Alyssa Beth Meyer, Chloe, Kelton and Liam Farlin, Rhiana Farlin, Celia, Morgan and Grace Smith, Nash Wilson, Jayden and Forrest Kolvis, Alli, Dayna and Dessa Kolvis, Avery and Reese Kolvis, Liam, Brooklyn and Wes Pherigo; Jeff, Veronic and Eric Smith, Cullen and Finley Beckner; and one great-great-grandson: Kerinan Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: John Allen Wilson, Marvin O. Wilson; one sister: Joyce A. Dierker; granddaughter: Michelle Woiwode; grandson, Robert C. Ragland, and two step sons: Greg and Jeff White.

Mr. Wilson worked for Keystone for 35 years, in Quality Control and as a crane operator. He also owned and operated Don's Meat Market and Deer Processing and worked for Gene's Supermarket for a total of 55 years. He started at Robert Zimmerman's Grocery Store and later worked for Gus Zimmerman's gas station. He bucked bales for Syd Combs, with Ron Thomas. He later sold Christmas trees for Bob and Gnile Talbott. He also racked pool balls and shined shoes at Wilson's Pool Hall. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of the NRA, Ducks Unlimited as well as a charter member of Manito/Forest City Optimist Club.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Tribute Wall

OZ

“ *Donnie was my cousin and a fine man. He took me on my first duck hunt! I'll always remember you Donnie. Happy hunting my friend.* ”

oron zimmerman - December 30, 2023 at 10:37 PM

BM

“ *Don was a wonderful guy. We knew him from having our deers processed at his meat market for a lot of years. Our sincere condolences to all of his family. Rest In Peace John 🙏
Bobby and Kathy Mans (Kyle, our son)* ”

Bobby & Kathy Mans - December 27, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Schier lit a candle in memory of Donald Wilson* ”



Jackie Schier - December 27, 2023 at 11:17 AM

LT

“ *Mr. Wilson was a kind man. He hunted on our farm. I enjoyed when he stopped by with deer meat to show his gratitude! So sorry for your family's loss! Lisa Thompson* ”



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - December 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Wilson*



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 27, 2023 at 09:12 AM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Donald Wilson*



Cheryl Cockerham - December 26, 2023 at 11:32 PM

SS

“ *The God of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is holding you ever so tight and warm. Better yet rest in the comfort that Jesus hugs your Dad with His love and welcome to heaven. With love and prayers.*



Steve and Kim Singley - December 26, 2023 at 08:57 PM

JO

“ *joyegoolsby lit a candle in memory of Donald Wilson*



joyegoolsby - December 26, 2023 at 08:35 PM