



Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson

September 23, 1967 - November 7, 2025

Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson, 58, of Alma, Arkansas, went home to be with the Lord on November 7, 2025 in Houston, Texas. He was born September 23, 1967 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to John Franklin Wilson and Shirley Pauline Nichols Wilson. Tony lived a life full of laughter, love, and service to others. He proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force and later worked at Arkansas Valley Electric for 19 years, where his dedication and work ethic left a lasting mark. Outside of work, Tony's joy for life was evident in everything he did. He loved camping, video games, and especially sports cars—he was an active and enthusiastic member of the Corvette Club, where his humor and friendly spirit made him a favorite among friends. He served on multiple boards throughout Sebastian, Crawford, and Franklin County. He loved community involvement and watching them grow. He was the president of the Ozark Rotary, Assistant District Governor, and a Paul Harris Member.

Tony loved Jesus deeply and lived his faith through kindness, laughter, and a genuine love for people. He was a social butterfly who never met a stranger and had a gift for making everyone feel welcome. With a heart full of compassion and a smile that could brighten any room, Tony embodied positivity and a constant desire for growth and improvement in everything he did. Above all, Tony cherished his family. He adored being a husband, father, and "Pops," and his greatest pride and joy were his grandchildren, whom he thought were simply the best. His smile lit up a room when they walked in.

Tony's life was a beautiful reflection of love, laughter, and faith. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him but will live on in the hearts and memories of those who were blessed to love him.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Wilson; grandparents, Jack and Pauline Nichols; father-in-law, Wayne Carpenter; and one sister-in-law, Carrie Carpenter.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Jennifer Carpenter Wilson; two sons, Bryan Wilson and wife Kelsey of Alma and Brandon Wilson and wife Shea of Russellville, Arkansas; his five beloved grandchildren that were the light of his life, Reagan, Lukas, Skylar, Teagan, and Lincoln Wilson; his mother, Shirley Wilson of Ozark, Arkansas; mother-in-law, Mary Joyce Carpenter of Denning, Arkansas; one niece, Ceira Whitted and her husband Tanner; one great nephew, Riley Whitted; one brother-in-law, Gordon Carpenter of Gainesville, Florida; and one nephew, Gordon Carpenter Jr. of Gainesville.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday, November 14, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Memorial service will be 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark, with Brother Randall Qualls officiating. Cremation arrangements will be made with Shaffer Funeral Home.

Burial service will be 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at the Fort Smith National Cemetery, 522 Garland Street in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Tony's grandchildren: Reagan Wilson, Lukas Wilson, Skylar Wilson, Teagan Wilson, and Lincoln Wilson, Mike Murders, and James Ruston.

*In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Fisher House Foundation Incorporated, 2002 Holcomb Boulevard Houston, Texas 77030.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Smith National Cemetery

522 Garland Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Tony's memorial service will not be until Tuesday, November 18 at Shaffer Funeral home with burial at 2 pm that same day at Fort Smith National Cemetery in Fort smith Arkansas.

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BV

“ 1 file added to the album Slideshow



Byron Lasater V - November 28, 2025 at 04:46 PM

CF

“ Caitlyn Bowman and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson.



Caitlyn Bowman and Family - November 17, 2025 at 05:53 PM

NN

“ Nan Hopkins Nelson lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Wilson



Nan Hopkins Nelson - November 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

ME

“ michella epps lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Wilson



michella epps - November 14, 2025 at 10:17 AM

LW

“ Liesa Winborn lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Wilson



Liesa Winborn - November 13, 2025 at 10:53 AM

GM

“ Gary L. McCreary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson.

Gary L. McCreary - November 13, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson.



November 13, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JP

“ Dearest Shirley and family I am so sorry for your loss, know that I am thinking of you through this difficult journey ❤️ may you feel loving arms wrapped around you. Hugs&Prayers. Sincere Condolences, Jody Pekas

Jody Pekas - November 12, 2025 at 10:53 PM

MP

“ Tony and I grew up in the same neighborhood, we played together every day. Road our bikes went swimming together and we played cars together in the dirt. He always had the best cars. He was my best friend and I looked up to him. As we grew up we grew apart but I never stopped loving him as a friend. Every time I saw him he was always friendly and talked. I often thought about the days playing in his back yard how much fun me and him and Jimmy had playing with our cars building roads. There was alot of fun we all had growing up in pleasant homes. I still love my friend Tony.

Michelle Payne - November 12, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JF

Tony was always a calm presence with only kindness in his heart. I am praying for his family as they mourn and learn to live without him here, but look forward to seeing him again someday with no health problems. God bless you all.

Janie Ford - November 14, 2025 at 05:59 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Case planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson.

Yvonne Case - November 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Case purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson.



Yvonne Case - November 12, 2025 at 06:06 PM

CE

“ Candace A Ervin lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Wilson



Candace A Ervin - November 12, 2025 at 05:06 PM

BP

“ Becky Penland lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Wilson



Becky Penland - November 12, 2025 at 04:31 PM

TF

“ The Pisco, Rossi, Larson & Bean Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Anthony "Tony" Jack Wilson.



The Pisco, Rossi, Larson & Bean Families - November 12, 2025 at 03:58 PM

RA

“ Roxann Anzelone lit a candle in memory of Anthony "Tony" Wilson



Roxann Anzelone - November 12, 2025 at 02:26 PM

LF

“ Jennifer & Family,

*Ferrell and I are so very sorry for your loss. Tony was a good man. He and I worked together for 19 years. We had a lot of laughs and a few tears in those 19 years. He loved his family so much and He delighted in His grandchildren. We have had many talks about those sweet babies and a lot of laughs about them too. Please know that Ferrell and I are praying for you all as you go thru this valley... Love and Prayers!!!
Ferrell & Lisa Freeman*

Lisa Freeman - November 12, 2025 at 12:13 PM

SS

*So sorry for the loss of Tony. may God wrap his arms around you during this time of need and days to come. Prayers for you all.
Sandra Morgan Shipley*

Sandra Morgan Shipley - November 14, 2025 at 04:47 AM

JG

Tony always had that smile.

jerry gadbury - November 14, 2025 at 11:47 AM