



Kenneth James Wilson

February 8, 1946 - October 3, 2019

Kenneth James “Kenny” Wilson, 73, of Union City, died on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation in Union City with Pastor Marty Burdick officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Union City. Military honors will be provided by VFW Post #5319 of Athens, MI. Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., also at the Lighthouse in Union City.

Kenny was born on February 8, 1946 in Coldwater, Michigan to Floyd and Virgil (Nichols) Wilson. With many hardships in throughout his life, Kenny persevered. He lost his mother when he was just eight years old and his father when he was twelve. His sister, Gloria and her husband Donald Little, took over raising him following his parent’s death. He lived most of his life in Union City and graduated from Union City High School in 1966.

Immediately following graduation, Kenny enlisted in the U.S. Army and went right to Vietnam, where he served honorably as a Section Chief in an artillery crew. Upon his discharge returned to Union City in 1969 and began working at H.C. Stark in Coldwater. He worked there for nearly 40 years, retiring in 2005. He was a member of the VFW in Athens for many years. Kenny was the youngest of seven children and had to endure the deaths of all his siblings and tragically his son, Chad Wilson, died in 1997.

Stubborn, funny and kind are just a few traits Kenny will be remembered for. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and mushrooming. He looked forward to sitting on his deck watching the deer and the birds. He loved to watch westerns on television and usually had a cat by his side, as he fed and cared for several cats at his home. His love of cats and his soft blue eyes will not soon be forgotten by those that loved him.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his daughters Vicky Wilson on Union City and Lesley (John) Groothuis of VA, his grandchildren Lyssa (Brian) Parris and Alex Groothuis, all of VA, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his son, Chad, and his sister Gloria (Donald) Little, he was also preceded in death by his sisters Kay Saylor, Joyce Barber and Sharon James, and his brothers Robert Wilson and Keith Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family, c/o Vicky Wilson.

Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery

780 North Broadway
Union City, MI, 49094

Events

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation
634 Mendon Rd, Union City, MI, US, 49094

OCT **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ vicky & Leslie : I am so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing and was not aware of this until Brady let me know. We all have so many fond memories of times with him & the fishing trips and the bear hunting trips up north that he and Riley and the guys took. He was always there for us all and a big heart he has. So many things we had fun talking over and seeing what we could fix while sitting on his deck at his place . May he rest in peace now and he will be missed by so many . Hugs & love to you both and the family, Julie Smith

julie smith - October 07, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Graduated with Ken in 1966. Always a good guy. Great sense of humor.

Rex and Mary Littlejohn



Rex Littlejohn - October 06, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Linda Wilson, Pete and Mary Fullenwider purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kenneth James Wilson.



Linda Wilson, Pete and Mary Fullenwider - October 05, 2019 at 12:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth James Wilson.



October 04, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ Sending prayers of comfort and peace for Ken's family.

Sherry (Hawkins) Herdman - October 04, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ My Father and I send our deepest sympathies. I have fond memories of times spent with Kenny and family as a child. Kenny was a life long friend of my fathers. He will be missed greatly.



Laura McRae - October 04, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ Sorry for your loss , Seems like Kenny and Phil were always together and quiet, wonder what they were up to, Never seemed to catch many fish,



Nancy Walters - October 04, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ Marcia Watkins lit a candle in memory of Kenneth James Wilson



Marcia Watkins - October 04, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ Ken and I were best friends in school. We shared a love for the great outdoors fishing and hunting. After graduation from high school we both enlisted in the Army and went thru basic training at Fort Knox together. And we were both in Vietnam. Ken had a pretty tough childhood loosing his mom and dad and there were times when we would sit and talk about what that was like. But he wasn't bitter he was just the opposite. He had a big heart than sometimes made me mad because I would want to go fishing but he had promised to help some old man clean up his yard. Ken was a good friend. I am sorry for your loss.

With sympathy,

Phil Frederick

Phil Frederick - October 04, 2019 at 01:16 AM



“ Phil Frederick lit a candle in memory of Kenneth James Wilson



Phil Frederick - October 03, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ Mary Fullenwider lit a candle in memory of Kenneth James Wilson



Mary Fullenwider - October 03, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ Bob & Linda Burgett lit a candle in memory of Kenneth James Wilson



Bob & Linda Burgett - October 03, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Lighthouse Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth James Wilson



Lighthouse Staff - October 03, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Micki & LeRoy Stevens lit a candle in memory of Kenneth James Wilson



Micki & LeRoy Stevens - October 03, 2019 at 06:57 PM