



Ben C. Wilson

March 31, 1938 - February 28, 2019

Ben Wilson, 80, of Grand Island, formerly of Cairo, passed away on Thursday, February 28, 2019. After many health issues, his body stopped fighting and he passed peacefully at home.

A memorial service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in Grand Island, NE. With Pastor Mike Reiners officiating. His body will be cremated per his request.

Ben was born on March 31, 1938, in Newcastle, Wyoming, to Clark & Mabel (Gray) Wilson. He attended Newcastle High school, then served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1960. Ben was united in marriage to Elaine Gilles on August 27, 1961, in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

They made their home wherever the jobs were, including Cheyenne, Wyoming, Rapid City, Custer, and Aberdeen, SD, before moving to Nebraska. Ben worked at Sperry New Holland for 31 years as a welder, draftsman, and Quality Control Inspector.

He retired in 1998. Ben and Elaine loved to travel and meet new people. He was active State Director in IHMSA, a shooting organization, and traveled around the United States as well as Canada and Brazil to compete.

Ben could fix, or at least jury-rig, about anything, and was always tinkering with a car, house, or a gun.

He liked to hunt, shoot, garden, and watch the Huskers.

He also was very active as a fan of anything his sons and grandchildren were involved in.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; three sons, Doug & Kathy Wilson of Grand Island, Mike Wilson & Lara Oliver of Denver, Colorado, and Ron & Denise Wilson of Chicago, Illinois; a

brother Carl Wilson; and a sister, Mary Ellen; 7 Grandchildren and their significant others, Daanielle Wilson & Evan Kurth of Chandler, AZ, Dylan Wilson of Lincoln, Courtney Wilson & Jeremy Hansen of Chandler, AZ, Bailey & Adrian Winters of Denver, CO, Alex Wilson of Rogers, AR, Jack & Emily Wilson of Lincoln, and Renick Wilson & Rene Maldonado of Lincoln; and a great-granddaughter, Melody Winters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Wayne.

Memorials are suggested to the Family to be designated at a later date. Online condolences may be directed to <http://www.livson.com>. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Comments



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Leonard Boguslaw Jr. - March 11, 2021 at 08:18 PM



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ELAINE AND FAMILY OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS ARE IN OUR HEARTS FOR YOU. MAY LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST COMFORTER YOU IN THESE TIMES.
LEONARD AND ROSIE SCHROEDER

LEONARD AND ROSIE SCHROEDER - March 05, 2019 at 10:15 AM



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Heartfelt condolences in the loss of your loved one, Ben. May precious memories of him fill your hearts with comfort. He will be missed by many. God bless you and comfort you, Elaine and family.
Sincerely, Doug and Judy Lambertus

Doug and Judy Lambertus - March 04, 2019 at 07:08 PM



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Doug and family.. my deepest sympathy to all.. I remember your dad always being the nicest person. He will be missed.. Prayers and hugs to all.

dee ewoldt - March 03, 2019 at 11:44 AM



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Elaine, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are currently out of state and will be unable to attend the funeral. Ben was a good friend and coworker for many years , we shared a lot of fun times at New Holland. Ben will always be in our memories. Thinking of you at your time of loss. Don and Becky Deines

don deines - March 02, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Love, Chris, Simone & girls - March 01, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Ben's passing. You and your family are in our prayers.
Janet & Dave Schawang, dialysis center friends.

Janet & Dave Schawang - March 01, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ Elaine,
Was sorry to read about the death of your dear husband!! May the Lord grant you and your family comfort and strength as you begin this new journey. May the love and beautiful memories that you shared with him burn warm within your hearts! The journey as a widow is not something one desires . The Lord will be with you and guide you. A verse that I have clung to the past 2 1/2 years is Ps. 46:1- "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble"
You will be in my prayers.
In Christian love and sympathy,
Marilyn Bader

Marilyn Bader - March 01, 2019 at 11:49 AM