



Donald F. Wilson

April 25, 1944 - April 3, 2024

Donald “Don” Wilson, a beloved member of the Broadalbin community, peacefully passed away on April 3, 2024. He was on the verge of celebrating his 80th birthday and the remarkable 57th anniversary of his union with MaryJane representing a lifetime illuminated by boundless love and unwavering companionship.

Born in Schenectady, NY, on April 25, 1944, to Randall and Helen (White) Wilson, Don's life was marked by a profound dedication to family, faith, and service. He enlisted in the United States Navy in April 1961 and served honorably until August 1966, stationed aboard the USS Mispillon for two years in Japan. On April 15, 1967, Don married his beloved MaryJane (Harkness) Wilson, with whom he shared a life enriched by their three children.

Don's professional journey spanned 32 years at General Electric, where he served as both a machinist and a leader, driven by his unwavering commitment to provide for his family. Throughout their lives, Don and Mary Jane cultivated a deep-rooted faith and strong values, which were evident in Don's active involvement in the 1st Presbyterian Church of Broadalbin, The Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, the Community Garden, and The Fish House Community Center.

However, Don's greatest source of joy was his family. He took immense pride in his children and grandchildren, cherishing every moment spent together. Whether gathered for family dinners or watching his favorite show, Jeopardy, with his crossword puzzle nearby, Don's love for his family was unmistakable.

He found comfort in his hobbies of woodworking and candle making, pouring his heart into his creations. Don actively participated in his children's lives, from Indian Guides and Indian Princesses to countless hours spent supporting them at soccer fields, lacrosse fields, dance recitals, tracks, and horseshows. His passion for travel, nurtured by hosting international students through Operation Friendship, brought him great joy and enriched his family's life experiences.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, and his Goddaughter, Markel Carras.

He is survived by his loving wife, MaryJane Wilson; their children: Randy (Katie) Wilson, Amiee (Steven) Warfield, Matthew (Dena) Wilson; and his grandchildren; Isabelle Warfield, Campbell Wilson, Shannon Warfield, Johnathan Wilson, Owen Wilson, Troy Wilson, and Katilyn Wilson. He is also survived by his siblings, Paul (Joan) Wilson, Bob (Grace) Wilson, and Maggie (George) Trahan, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, April 8th, 2024, from 10:00 am to noon at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY, 12095, followed by a service at noon with Rev. Ken Applegate, officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Evergreen Memorial Park, Schenectady.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry, or Fish House Community Center, both in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

2150 Central Ave
Schenectady, NY 12304
(518) 372-0030

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 883-5323
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Military Graveside Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ Anna B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald F. Wilson.

Anna B. - April 06, 2024 at 03:18 PM

MC

“ Matthew & Alesia Carras purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Donald F. Wilson.



Matthew & Alesia Carras - April 06, 2024 at 02:48 PM

DM

“ Mary Jane, Aimee, Randy and Matthew, this message is sent with sympathy for your loss and to let you know that we all loved him and thought the world of him. This world lost a special light and a great human being. With love, Debbie, Martin and family

Debbie McClinton - April 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MC

“ Mike and Missy Carras purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Donald F. Wilson.



Mike and Missy Carras - April 06, 2024 at 11:31 AM

BW

“ Bill W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald F. Wilson.

Bill W. - April 06, 2024 at 11:11 AM

MH

“ Mark, Cheryl, Heather purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Donald F. Wilson.



Mark, Cheryl, Heather - April 05, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Donald F. Wilson.



April 05, 2024 at 04:14 PM

BW

“ Bev and Jim, Amy and David Winsness purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Donald F. Wilson.



Bev and Jim, Amy and David Winsness - April 05, 2024 at 01:30 PM

BW

“ *Bev and Jim, Amy and David Winsness planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald F. Wilson.*

Bev and Jim, Amy and David Winsness - April 05, 2024 at 01:30 PM

TR

“ *Tina and Ron purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of Donald F. Wilson.*



Tina and Ron - April 05, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald F. Wilson.*



April 05, 2024 at 11:21 AM

FP

“ *Foodservice Division at Rich Products planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald F. Wilson.*

Foodservice Division at Rich Products - April 05, 2024 at 11:21 AM

MW

“ *Mary Jane and family, my condolences to you in the loss of Don. I have great memories of all the get to gethers thru the years. My prayers are with you thru this difficult time.*



Meta Willis - April 05, 2024 at 08:49 AM

WG

“ *Wesley, Alex and the girls purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Donald F. Wilson.*



Wesley, Alex and the girls - April 04, 2024 at 05:59 PM