



Billy Max Wilson

August 30, 1938 - August 5, 2021

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(Bill)

Billy Max, son of Gladys Dolores (Hurley) and Arthur Ernest Wilson was born on August 30, 1938 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away on August 5, 2021 in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 82.

He was a student at Alva High School and prided himself on his “pool playing abilities”. During high school, he worked as a ticker taker at the Rialto Movie Theater where he also met his first wife, Barbara, a popcorn girl.

In 1955, Bill joined the Army and left for Korea specializing in tele-typing and communications. After a year, he came back and married Barbara, his high school sweetheart, on December 7, 1956. They travelled the world throughout his Army career while serving his country through a number of different posts, both overseas and stateside. His posts include San Francisco, Paris, France, Asmara, Ethiopia, Colorado Springs and Heidelberg, Germany to name a few. He served in the Vietnam War twice and had his final assignment at Camp Bullis, in San Antonio, Texas. In 1975, Bill retired from the US Army after a 20-year career.

While in San Antonio, Barbara was treated for cancer and passed away on October 7, 1974, leaving behind Bill and their 5 children. They were married for 17 short but happy years.

After the Army, Bill returned home to Alva, OK where he held a variety of different jobs including Alva Civil Defense Director, Ambulance Supervisor and

various other positions. This is when he met Mary Kay, his last wife of 26 years whom also preceded him in death.

In addition to Barbara and Mary Kay, Bill was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Jessie and son-in-law, Matt Lyons.

He is survived by his only sibling, Don Wilson of Oklahoma City and his 5 children: Patricia Gay of Virginia Beach, VA, Russell Wilson of Enid, OK, Suzy Lyons of Woodward, OK, Daniel Wilson of Japan and Thomas Wilson of Frisco, TX. In addition, he leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the American Cancer Society or the National Kidney Foundation.

A graveside service will be held at the Alva Municipal Cemetery pavilion on August 23, 2021 at 10:00am. Reception will follow.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva Municipal Cemetery, OK 73717

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



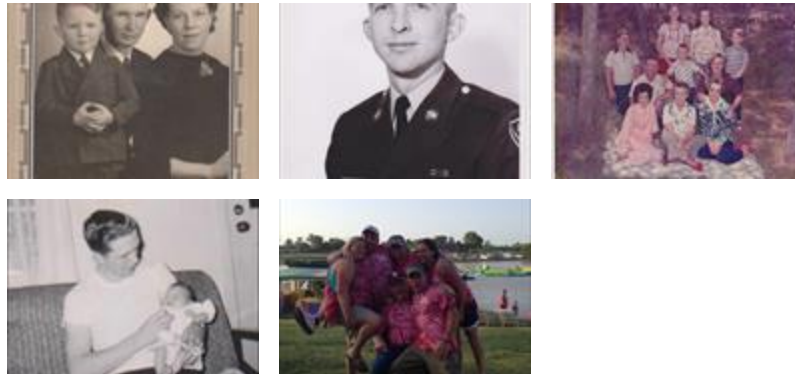
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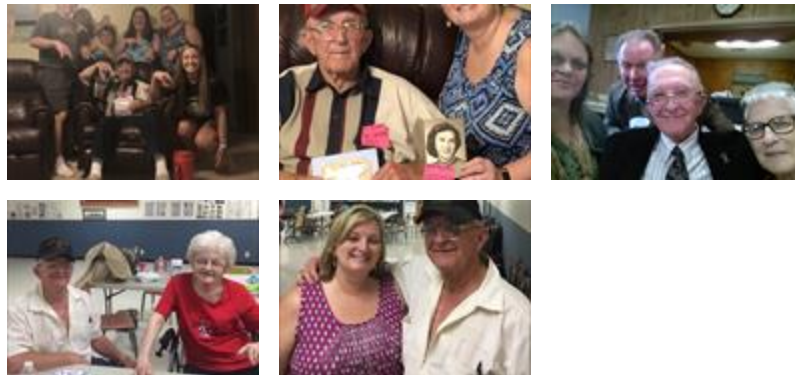
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Maria Delatorre-Wilson - August 20, 2021 at 08:24 PM

TG

“ A few pics of dad I had on my phone. I'll have to look for others on my pc.



Trish Gay - August 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

AW

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Amber Wilson - August 10, 2021 at 08:26 PM



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Wharton Funeral Chapel - August 09, 2021 at 07:53 PM

RW

“ We were in school together, then in 1955 we enlisted in the Army on the Buddy Enlistment Plan and went to CAMP CHAFFEE, ARK. Then we we went to CAMP GORDON, GA.. till Feb 56 when I went to Germany, then in 1973 I was in Germany and so was Billy and Barbara. I never so him after that..Richard (Dick) Wilson..

Richard E. Wilson - August 08, 2021 at 03:22 PM

DW

Richard.

My name is Dan his second oldest son. Dad and i talked months before his passing and told me this exact story. Said you were his best friend and went through the buddy system together and met back up in Germany 🇩🇪.

From one retired vet to another, you were not forgotten on him. Thank you for the post

dan wilson - August 11, 2021 at 06:07 PM

MH

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I was also in school with Bill. Delivered papers for the Courier. One memory I have is of Bill and his Schwinn spring fork bike, jumping home made ramps. Many fond memories of times spent with Bill and Dick Wilson. If my memory serves me correctly, Bill was stationed in Japan when I passed thru on my way to Korea. Let memories of good times help you with your loss.

Marvin L Henry - August 13, 2021 at 11:13 PM