



Larry Lee Wilson

April 24, 1947 - December 22, 2024

Larry Lee Wilson—known to his college friends as “Wils”—passed away on December 22, 2024, in McLean, Virginia, with his devoted wife Annette by his side. Born on April 24, 1947, in Jacksonville, Illinois, Larry spent his childhood in Alsey, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1970, then dedicated his career to State Farm, working in claims for 37 years.

Larry was the eldest sibling to Jeanne Gates, Don Wilson, and his late sister Shirley Roberts. He is survived by his wife Annette of 46 years; daughter, Pamela Jancsek (Jonathan); son, Derek Wilson (Jordan); and grandson, Ozzie Lee Wilson. Above all else, Larry took pride in being a husband, father, and grandfather. Friends and family alike describe him as gentle, kind, and unwaveringly honest. As one dear friend wrote, “I know I was fortunate to call him a friend... he was such a good man, and you [Annette] were the perfect person for him.”

Larry’s love of sports was lifelong: he was a passionate fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Chicago Bears, and the Fighting Illini. He played golf—making cherished memories on the course with friends—and found joy in hiking and staying active. He also immersed himself in his children’s activities, coaching and cheering at baseball and basketball games. A friend recalled, “Your dad was a role model to me. From the first time we met he impressed me... he was so proud of you both.”

Perhaps one of Larry's most endearing legacies is his generosity around the holidays. Every Christmas season, he would quietly look for families who seemed in need—perhaps at the grocery store or Target—and slip them \$100, simply to make their day a little brighter. Those who knew him say his kindness came without fanfare, straight from the heart: “His kindness was always so appreciated. He will be missed,” a loved one noted, while another friend shared, “He was truly one of the nicest guys I’ve ever met.”

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday June 21, 2025, at the Alsey Baptist Church. Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville is assisting the family. The family invites those wishing to honor Larry's giving spirit to make a donation in his name to The Salvation Army or The American Heart Association, continuing the generosity and compassion he shared so freely.

Larry touched countless lives, many of whom remember him for “his wonderful character,” “the personal notes and cards he wrote,” and the way “he always gave his entire attention to what you had to say.” As one friend summed up perfectly: “Larry was the best. I knew he was the one for you... his kindness was always so appreciated.” It is that legacy of kindness, love, and quiet acts of charity that Larry leaves behind—a reminder to all of us to notice those in need and to give from the heart.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Aley Baptist Church
Aley, IL