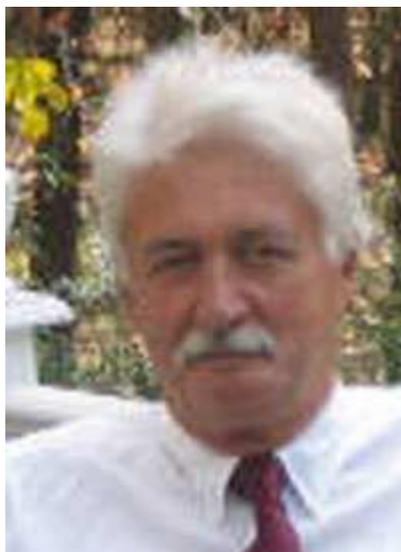


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Wilson Easby Whitmire III

Wilson Easby Whitmire III, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Slidell Baptist Church.

Wilson was born Nov. 17, 1941, in Cold Springs, the oldest of five brothers and one sister, in a family whose early members helped to settle Texas with Sam Houston before it became a state.

Wilson's family moved to Slidell, where he grew up on a 3,000-acre cattle ranch and worked as a cowboy, riding horses and mending fences, baling hay and feeding cattle every morning before going to Slidell High School. He was a star basketball player and earned a four-year scholarship to Southwestern University in Georgetown.

While in high school, Wilson developed a passion for cars. His Dad bought him an old Model T Ford with no headlights, so his younger brother James would ride on the hood swinging a lantern. They later wrecked this car by driving into a tree.

Wilson graduated from Southwestern with a degree in business and psychology while becoming an All-American basketball player. His accomplishments set the bar high for his younger brothers and sister, all of whom went to college and had successful careers.

After college, Wilson worked for Texaco, reaching the top sales position, and later for Franciscan in Glendale, Calif., again in sales. Disliking a 9-to-5 job, he started his Classic Cars business in Dallas and became one of the top experts on classic cars in America.

Wilson was spiritually strong and was a wonderful husband and father who loved life and had a mischievous sense of humor. Travel, reading and discussing politics were all of great interest to him.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Drezek Whitmire; son Wilson Whitmire IV; daughter Leigha Whitmire; sister Vina Whitmire and husband, Randy Remorenko, and their children, Samantha and Jason; brothers James Whitmire and wife, Mildred, and their children Sandy and Jeff, Sam Whitmire and wife, Sofia, Jack Whitmire and wife, Joann, and their children Chris and James, and Ross Whitmire and wife, Linda.

Memorials may be made to the Slidell Fire Department.