



Wilson, James "Rodney"

1930-2019

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James "Rodney" Wilson, 89, of Decatur, a retired machinist, went to be with our Lord Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, in Decatur.

Funeral was Sept. 10 at Decatur Church of Christ with burial at Sycamore Cemetery.

Rick Ross, Matt Weathers and Craig Jordan officiated. Pallbearers were Cody Wilson, Travis Wilson, Chance Wilson, J.J. Wilson, Devin Wilson, Dustin Wilson and Eric Hillary. Honorary pallbearers were Matt Weathers, Jimmy Meyers, David Hillary, Wendal Bridges and Andrew Small.

James was born March 11, 1930, to James John Wilson and Elsie Marie (Hayes) Wilson in Greenwood. He was united in marriage to

Mary Ella Walker April 22, 1950, in Decatur. James retired from General Dynamics in 1991 after 43 years. He was a member of the Decatur Church of Christ for 69 years and was an avid outdoorsman that raised four sons on bobwhite quail and venison.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 69 years, Mary Ella Wilson of Greenwood; his sons, David Wilson and wife, Becky, of Greenwood, Ricky Wilson of Greenwood, Logan Wilson of Greenwood and Randy Wilson and wife, Melissa, of Greenwood; sisters Joyce Forgnson and husband, James, of Hungerford and Trudy Wilson Williams and husband, Ernie, of Big Sandy; brother Gaylen Wilson of Greenwood; and sister-in-law Beth Wilson; his grandchildren, Shannon Meyers and husband, Jimmy, of Slidell, Rhonda Weathers and husband, Matt, of Slidell, Cody Wilson and wife, Lauren, David Hillary of Fort Worth, Eric Hillary and wife, Jessica, of Greenwood, Dustin Wilson and wife, Blair, of Denton, Devin Wilson and wife, Carlie, of Willis, Travis Wilson and wife, Dayna, of Greenwood, Kristin Small and husband, Andrew, of Slidell, J.J. Wilson and wife, Ashley, of Canton and Chance Wilson and wife, Emily, of Greenwood; 26 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

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