



## Robert Graham Wilson

April 11, 1934 - June 29, 2023

Robert "Graham" Wilson died peacefully on June 29, 2023, in Burlington, NC at the age of 89. Graham is survived by his wife, Loretta Courtney Jenkins Wilson of Burlington; brother, JC Wilson of Denver, and stepchildren, Alan and Melanie Jenkins of Annapolis, MD, Donna and Bill Johnson of Burlington, Tracey and Mike Sanderford of Rocky Mount, Sharon and David Padgett of Gastonia; nine loving grandchildren and nine precious great-grandchildren. Graham was preceded in death by his parents, John, and Roberta Wilson of Charlotte; his first wife, Shirley Keesler Wilson; son, David Graham Wilson, and sister, Shirley Wilson Christenbury.

In 1950, Graham became an Eagle Scout of Troop 93 in Newell, NC and continued to serve on the Board of Review at Unity Presbyterian Church for several years. He supported the Boy Scouts of America financially "in order to build better citizens".

Graham graduated from East Mecklenburg High School in 1952 and served in the Army from 1957 to 1959.

The majority of his work career was spent with Hardinge Inc., Precision Tools in Sales, as Sales Manager, and eventually Western Regional manager.

In 1971 he became a Master Mason and a Shriner. In 1975 he joined the Oasis Patrol and was Captain of the Patrol 1997-1998. He was a South Atlantic Shrine Association Representative for 20 years and he served as Building and Grounds chairman of the Oasis Shrine in Charlotte, NC.

Graham was honored to serve as Director of the Royal Order of Jesters Court

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Graham was presented The Walt Disney Award for his unselfish devotion and dedication to Oasis Shriners and the Shriners Hospital for Children. In 2022 he was awarded a Shriner 50 Year Membership Pin for a lifetime of service for helping children.

In later years he served on the Salvation Army Board to support men with substance abuse.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM, Saturday, July 8, 2023, at the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will follow the service at Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte at 2:30 PM. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of memorials, please consider contributing to the Shriners Hospital at 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Wilson family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sharon Memorial Park

5716 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28212

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory  
494 East Plaza Drive (PO Box 977)  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM.

chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home

## Burial

JUL 8. 2:30 PM.

Sharon Memorial Park

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello, We thank Robert for his years of service with Hardinge Inc.

Tamara Gurnsey - August 23, 2023 at 11:41 AM

JG

“ The 1959 Graduate Class of Prospect High School, Monroe, NC send our prayers, sympathy and love to you, Loretta, and your family in this time of grief. May our shared class-mate memories be a comfort in the days ahead.

Joyce Melton Gill - July 12, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Graham Wilson.



July 07, 2023 at 09:26 AM

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“ Sending love and prayers to you, Loretta, and all who loved him. May God's gift of peace settle in your hearts.

Carol B. Clark - July 06, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Graham Wilson.*



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July 05, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ *I have known Graham for quite a few years and we have emailed just about every day and when we met at OASIS we always talked and enjoyed each others presence. He was a warm and friendly man who did so much work for the Shrine and the Court. Rest in peace my Brother may God be with you .*

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**John Hubbs** - July 05, 2023 at 02:55 PM