



## Ronald Richard Wilson

June 6, 1941 - December 22, 2019

On December 22, at 12:00 a.m. Ron Wilson, age 78, approached Saint Peter at the gates of heaven. Claspings the hands of his loving son, Jeff Wilson, and beautiful daughter, Jodi Bara, Saint Peter welcomed Ron in. Although it was a painful good-bye, as they let go of his hands Ron was immediately met with a loving embrace from his wonderful wife Shirley. As they walked hand in hand together, Ron's baritone voice could be heard laughing and telling Shirley about their family, friends, and everything that has happened the past 21 years of her absence.

In the last few hours of his life, Ron was surrounded by his sister Shirley, his son and daughter, son in-law, daughter in-law, four grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and many close friends who were all able to pray with him and say their good-byes. Though the halls of the hospital were quiet that night, his impact on this world was loud.

A graduate of East Detroit High School, Ron stayed "East" and became a proud member of the Eastern Michigan University family. Ron was an honored captain of his track team in college. He even studied a year at Central Michigan University, which counted toward his 40 year status with Warren Community Schools, but, "don't tell anybody that!" Ron dedicated four decades to the Warren Woods Tower community as a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, Vice-Principal, and role-model to thousands of students. He was a beloved coach of the track team, and made a point to get together with his "track boys" every year.

The impact Ron has had on this planet truly stretches over lines, borders, and oceans. His shoes will not be filled, and nor could they be by any single man. We can share what he has shown us by doing good on to others and loving with each word and gesture. Though his spirit has gone to heaven he will always be with us when we exude unconditional love for one another.

Wilson, Ronald R.

December 22, 2019. Age 78. Beloved husband of the late Shirley. Dearest father of Jeffrey

(Tracy) Wilson and Jodi (Shawn) Bara. Loving grandfather of Brittany, Shane, Nicholas and Madeline. Proud great grandfather of Nora, Charlotte and Bennett. Dear brother of Ann Shirley (the late Don) Weldon. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Harrison, MI., Elks of Mt. Clemens and Sons of American Legion, Clare, MI. Visitation Saturday 3-9pm and Sunday 2-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Instate Monday 10:30am until 11:00am time of funeral at Redemption Lutheran Church, 39051 Dodge Park at 17 Mile Road. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Ron was my big brother at Kappa Phi Alpha at Eastern Michigan University. Not only were we fraternity brothers, but Ron and Shirley were very special friends at Eastern. I last saw them at Central Michigan when Ron was in graduate school. That may have been 1967 or thereabouts. I know the person he was and all his friends and family of Ron have my deepest sympathies. I am very sad to learn of Ron's death and I feel a great loss even though it has been over 50 years since I have see Ron. My best regards to the family and friends of Ron, Jim Lincoln Alpha, KPA 1965-66

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**Jim Lincoln** - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ The Macomb Daily described Mr. Wilson as a Giant of a man and that wasn't big enough! After reading about all the people that he touched, Giant only scratches the surface. As a young teen growing up, I was blessed to meet Mr. Wilson. What a role model, someone to look up to. Always a positive attitude, great story and joke teller. I always told my mom to let me know if he was coming to visit, because I didn't want to miss him. He did touch every heart in our family. I loved to watch I'm enjoying everyone around him. Laughing with a cigar and a cocktail and calling us all Youngin' he will be truly missed!

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**Martin Paddock** - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Rest In Peace Ron, you were a great mentor! It has been a pleasure knowing you for 55 years

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**David Pacler** - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ron, Coach Wilson will be sorely missed by the entire Warren Woods family. I too was part of the class of 1967. As my track coach he instilled hard work, fair play and respect for our competitors. He was great coach and teacher respected and loved by every life he touched. I am very fortunate to have known Ron. His smile was infectious and brought happiness to everyone. May God bless his family.

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**Jim Stawski** - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To The Wilson Family Pennie and I would like to send our condolences on the passing of Ron. It was quite a shock to us. Although we were not as close to Ron as some of his many other relationships, we still have some very fond memories of spending time with Ron. Visiting at his lake house, snowmobile rides in the winter, sharing some gatherings at the Harrison Moose, Lake Eagles and of course Soaring Eagle Casino. Ron will be missed by all who knew him. Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With You. With Our Deepest Sympathy, Dick & Pennie

Pennie Colomina - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Many happy memories remain

Richard/Phyllis Rohde - December 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Jodi, Jeff and Family. I first want to extend our sorrow to your family and to everyone who has ever known your Dad, our friend. He was an extraordinary man - an Angel here on Earth who had an open door policy to his heart. He will be so missed. I pray that you will get comfort knowing he is at peace in heaven with your mom.

Elaine Cutshaw - December 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Little did I know when I went out for track in Spring of 1965 as a sophomore at Warren Woods High School that not only was I getting a new coach, but also a friend for life! As many have said, he was not only a great coach and mentor, but an even better friend. I feel so honored that he was a part of my life for so many years. The track parties that he hosted for so long were something I looked forward to every year. Ron was an avid golfer and got me started in the game shortly after graduation from WWHS. Years later when I was a high school track coach myself, I would occasionally call him and ask for advice and he willingly shared his thoughts with me. I last saw Ron in August of 2017 when I was in the area for a 50-year H.S. reunion. We managed to squeeze in an 18-hole round of golf while I was there which I will always remember. He was such a special man and friend to so many. I am not surprised that he was held in such high esteem by so many. I know he was by me. He was truly one of a kind.

David Hernden - December 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ A feeble attempt to put my feelings about Ron into words - Asa rookie AD in 1987 I had so much to learn. Ron went out of his way to welcome me to the group and I quickly recognized that he operated using 2 kinds of knowledge that were clearly my inadequacies. First was knowing the history& culture of the merging leagues. Ron tutored me on the WHYs of what was happening. Second, and so much more important, was observing a Master of Relationships. Ron has a way of working with people, even those he disagreed with, in a genuinely positive way. Ron served as president as the Macomb Athletic Conference merged two former leagues into one. It is only a slight exaggeration to say, that I watched President Ron bring these two cultures together with the skill of President Abe as he worked with a split country. I learned much, and will forever be indebted to Ron for sharing his wisdom, empathy, and humility. Tonight I will propose a Yukon Jack (another thing I learned from Ron) toast to you in honor of your wonderful legacy.

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**Rick Repicky** - December 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ We have known Ron since our sons, Carmen and Tony, were students at Tower. What a great friend he has been to both of them and us. Always a smile and always glad to see you. Our prayers and sympathies go out to his family. He will be greatly missed. Love from Carmen, Helen, Carmen, Tony and Rick Stanza

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**helen stanza** - December 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM