



Leon Wilmoth

November 9, 1953 - May 23, 2024

Ross Leon Wilmoth, Jr., 70, of Gentry, Arkansas, passed away on May 23, 2024. He was born in Siloam Springs, to Ross Leon, Sr., and Freda Wilmoth (Luttrell) of Gentry.

A lifelong resident of Gentry, Leon graduated from Gentry High School. He met his wife, Gayla, when she and her family visited the Wilmoth family's collection of bison and elk in 1970. The two were married for almost 50 years and built a life together with three sons. Leon was employed at Flint Creek Power Plant for 34 years. He enjoyed tending his beef cattle operation, operating heavy equipment, and helping his parents at the Wild Wilderness Drive Through Safari.

Leon is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by: his wife; sons, Ross Leon ("Trey") Wilmoth III (Brittney) of Gentry, Josh Wilmoth of Gentry, and Harry Wilmoth of Indianapolis, Indiana; grandsons, Ross Leon Wilmoth IV, Wyatt Martin, and Colton Martin all of Gentry; siblings, Linda Hook of Gentry, Lewis Wilmoth of Gentry, Freddy Wilmoth (Patricia) of Gentry, Sheva Thompson (Butch) of Siloam Springs, Lisa Wilmoth-King (Bobby) of Gentry, Charlie Wilmoth (Kathy) of Gentry, and Chana Kooistra (Aaron) of Siloam Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at Wasson Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 28, 2024,

from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CDT. A graveside service will be held at Falling Springs Cemetery (21822 Falling Springs Road, Decatur, AR 72722) on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. CDT. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Falling Springs Cemetery

Falling Springs Cemetery
Decatur, AR 72722

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
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wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Falling Springs Cemetery
Falling Springs Cemetery
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

AS

“ To all the Wilmott family we are so sorry for your loss. You are and will continue to be in our prayers. Charlie and Ann Smythe

ann Smythe - June 01, 2024 at 07:34 AM

JR

“ Gayla and family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our hearts and prayers! Jim & Irene Roberts

Jim Roberts - May 29, 2024 at 11:33 AM

SF

“ Square Six Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Leon Wilmoth.



Square Six Family - May 29, 2024 at 09:57 AM

TF

“ The Keller and Malchow families. purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Leon Wilmoth.



The Keller and Malchow families. - May 28, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



May 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



May 27, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ *Indiana Grain Buyers purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



Indiana Grain Buyers - May 27, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sam & Amanda Williams purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



Sam & Amanda Williams - May 27, 2024 at 06:25 PM

SW

“ Sam & Amanda Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Wilmoth.

Sam & Amanda Williams - May 27, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.



May 27, 2024 at 06:18 PM

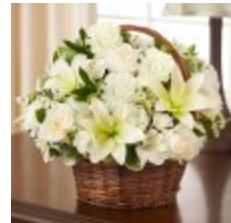
DF

“ Debbe Hendrix and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Wilmoth.

Debbe Hendrix and family - May 27, 2024 at 06:18 PM



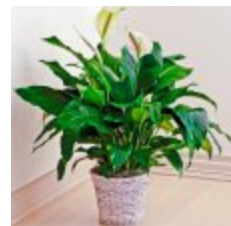
“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.



May 27, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.



May 27, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



May 27, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Rebecca B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Wilmoth.*

Rebecca B. - May 27, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Gayla and family so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in this difficult time.*

Flora L Forrest - May 26, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to this Family who are All dear to my heart ! Leon was a fine fellow and I know that He will be greatly missed . To Gayla and the Boys and their families and to All of the Wilmoth Families , I pray that God will hold you very close and bring you comfort and peace , as only HE can do . sending my love , Betsy Nunn*

Betsy Nunn - May 26, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



May 26, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ *I almost always tried to visit Leon whenever I was back in Arkansas. (Haven't lived there in decades.). It was great fun getting a personal guided tour of the “Wild African Safari” there in Gentry. (That was the first & only time I petted a rhino.) also remember Leon talking my wife & her sister into riding camels 🐫. (Not something you can do every day.) A memory from highschool: when “Herky”, a half Buffalo/half something else (Hereford?) bull tried to turn my '65 Ford Falcon sedan over (while I was sitting in it). No lie! I guess Herkey didn't like the music I was playing. I recall going on an overnight floating trip with Leon, Richard Payton and Johny Mayo. Somehow we had a case of Budweiser beer, and somehow I recall that Leon provided it. (Johnny Mayo can verify- although he might not have been sober enough to remember. At least none of us drowned) I remember the Wilmoth family allowing me to stay in an abandoned trailer house out on the safari - when I needed a place to live short term, before I went into the army - during the Vietnam War era. I recall coming back to that trailer after work and seeing all of my clothes hanging from branches of trees. Monkeys from the Safari had gotten into the trailer and I guess decided to try on my clothes. I also remember Leon taking some “domestic student exchange” students from New Jersey out on a “Snipe Hunt”. (And if don't know what a snipe hunt is, then ask your parents...) yes, I have a LOT of memories that included Leon. He was an amazing character to be sure. And he was also a source of many of my highschool memories. And Leon was a good friend.*

Bill Altland - May 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM

KD

“ Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Leon Wilmoth



Karen Davis - May 26, 2024 at 10:01 AM

SC

“ You are all in our prayers.



Siloam Springs Rodeo & Riding Club - May 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JT

“ Lewis, sorry for the loss of your Brother. Praying for you and your family. God bless. Jim Taylor*P. O. Box 16307*Fresno, Ca. 93755*jjimaylor@yahoo.com.* (559) 554-5875

Jim Taylor - May 26, 2024 at 09:15 AM

FR

“ Prayers for all of the family.



Fabian Rutherford - May 26, 2024 at 05:58 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Leon Wilmoth.*



May 25, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ *Earlene Harper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leon Wilmoth.*

Earlene Harper - May 25, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ *Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Leon Wilmoth*



Lynne Glass - May 25, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Leon Wilmoth*



Liz Reading - May 25, 2024 at 05:16 PM