



Richard "Gene" E. Wilmoth

November 4, 1932 - April 6, 2019

Richard "Gene" E. Wilmoth, 86 year old resident of Decatur, AR, peacefully entered the presence of Jesus surrounded by family on Saturday, April 6, 2019. He was born on November 4, 1932 in Decatur, AR, to Jack and Opal Wilmoth. Gene married Norma Jane Shook on January 21, 1950. They were married for 68 years.

He attended and graduated from Decatur High School in 1949. Gene stayed in Decatur, where he worked for Peterson Industries, from which he retired as the company's executive vice president after 50 years. During his career, he served on various committees of the National Poultry Federation, as well as on the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Decatur State Bank. Gene was active in the community, having served on the Board of Directors of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Decatur School Board, and in numerous capacities as a member of Decatur First Baptist Church since 1954. Gene was widely regarded by family and friends as a man of uncompromising integrity and a deep, abiding faith in the Lord.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Opal Wilmoth; his wife, Norma Jane Wilmoth; sister, Lorraine Peterson; and brother, Jack Wilmoth.

He is survived by his daughter, Teresa W. Allen, and son-in-law, Roderick L. Allen of Siloam Springs, AR; his daughter, Paula W. Still of Benton, AR; five

grandchildren: Josh Allen and wife Stacey, Shannon Allen, Nick Allen and wife Autumn, Jackson E. Still, and Malea McElyea and husband Bobby; thirteen great grandchildren, brother, Bill Wilmoth; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 a.m., April 9, 2019 at First Baptist Church, in Decatur with Pastor Justin White officiating. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation or Alzheimer's Foundation.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Decatur First Baptist Church
213 E. Roller
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Teresa my heart goes out to you and all your family over the loss of not only your Dad but Norma Jean also . They were very special not only to me but to every person who's path they crossed

They were truly beautiful people and will be missed by many
Roberta Defraga



Roberta D - April 10, 2019 at 07:32 PM

MF

“ Prayers for the family of Gene Wilmoth.



Maxine Foster - April 09, 2019 at 12:03 PM

AR

“ Gene Wilmoth means so much to the citizens of Decatur over the years, including my family. I have so many good memories of Gene during my childhood days and as a young man working for Peterson's. My thoughts and prayers are with the Wilmoth family.

Alan Roller - April 09, 2019 at 11:22 AM

JS

“ The Wilmoth family has our prayers for comfort. Thinking of you guys. Jack Hopkins family

judy hopkins smith - April 08, 2019 at 09:08 PM

SA

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family.*

Sherry Tucker Abbott - April 08, 2019 at 02:51 PM

LG

“ *"Papa" Gene was such a wonderful man and will be truly missed....please accept my sincere condolences for your loss....Prayers for comfort.....love....Lynne Glass*

Lynne Glass - April 08, 2019 at 01:29 PM

KP

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family.
Sincerely,
Kim Pendergraft*

Kim Pendergraft - April 08, 2019 at 10:27 AM

LG

“ *Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Richard
"Gene" E. Wilmoth*



Lynne Glass - April 08, 2019 at 10:00 AM

MW

“ *Gene is my great uncle that meant a lot to our family... my favorite memory of Gene is during the Holiday season going and seeing him dressed as Santa at the Decatur Discount Center and the smiles and laughter that he put in those children's lives*

Michael Wilmoth - April 08, 2019 at 09:22 AM

KH

Gene was an easy to know guy. His family (Peterson's) was my college scholarship, UofA and Marylea was Loyd's secretary. Thanks Gene & Decatur!

kim hendren - April 08, 2019 at 11:01 PM