



Ross Wilmoth

September 13, 1924 - March 20, 2005

Ross Leon Wilmoth, Sr., 80-year-old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died Sunday, March 20, in Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital. Born September 13, 1924, in Decatur, Arkansas, he was the son of Jim Wilmoth and Liddie Dill Wilmoth. He had been a lifetime resident of the Gentry and Falling Springs area. Mr. Wilmoth was a self-employed, owner-operator of a heavy equipment business, a cattle rancher, and owner-operator of Wild Wilderness Safari. A veteran of World War II, he had served in the U. S. Navy and was a member of the American Legion Post in Gentry. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Gentry. Survivors include his wife Freda of the home; four sons, Ross Leon Wilmoth, Jr. and his wife Gayla, James Lewis Wilmoth and his wife Jodie, Freddy Mack Wilmoth, Sr. and his wife Patricia "Sissy", Charles William Wilmoth and his wife Rayetta, all of Gentry; four daughters, Linda Joy Hook and her husband Floyd of Gentry, Sheva Jean Thompson and her husband Butch of Siloam Springs, Lisa Ann Wilmoth of Gentry, and Chana Rose Kooistra and her husband Aaron of Siloam Springs; two brothers, James Edward Wilmoth of Siloam Springs, and Jerry Wilmoth of Prescott, Arizona; one sister, Pearl Fenton of Kansas City, Missouri; seven grandsons, Christopher Jason Hook, Ross Leon "Trey" Wilmoth, III and his wife Christen, Joshua Taylor Wilmoth, Thomas Harry Wilmoth, Freddy Mack Wilmoth, Jr., Branton Leon Thompson, and Jaxon James Kooistra; nine granddaughters, Kristen Janece Hook, Angela Marie Beeler and her husband Roy, Jessica Dawn Wilmoth, Casey Rochelle Wilmoth, Jaiden Laine Wilmoth, Sara Jean

Thompson, Megan Ann McGarrah, Meranda Ann McGarrah, and Abigail Elaine Wilmoth; two great-grandsons, "Ross" Leon Wilmoth, IV, and Hudson Lewis Noel Wilmoth and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray Mack Wilmoth, Harry Amos Wilmoth, and Charles William Wilmoth. Visitation will be held Wednesday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wasson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Gentry with Dr. Robin Cowan and Rev. Mike Walker officiating. Burial will be in Falling Springs Cemetery with funeral services under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home. Family request in lieu of flowers, that memorial contributions be made to the Falling Springs Cemetery Association c/o Flo Dickinson, 21801 Falling Springs Road, Decatur, AR 72722. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Ross Wilmoth*

Mr. And Mrs. Dennis Lee - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

PS

“ *With deepest and heartfelt sympathy.
You are all in my prayers.*

Preston Smith - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

LF

“ *Freda,*

I went to work at the road department right after Ross quit. Although I never worked with him, I did know him and he would come back by the road department and was always a joker. Always had something funny to tell you.

I told him one summer it was breaking me up taking all my kinfolks though the safari. He just laughed and said "I need the money Lavada".

I lost my husband (C.J.) three years ago last February 28th. Let me tell you - it is a lonely life.

Prayers are with you.

Lavada

Lavad Ford - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SB

“ *My God wrap His loving arms around you all and comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

*We love you all. Know our thoughts, love and prayers are with you.
Ross shall be sorely missed.*

Syliva & Verdon Barnwell - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love John & Sonja*

Sonja & John Parker - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SL

“ *Lewis- You have been such a kind and generous heart to my family.
Thanks cannot be enough. My heart goes out to you at this time.*

Segan (Florer) Lowham - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

BB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Ross dying. I have such fond memories of him growing up and fishing in the ponds. Ross was an inspiring man and I am so glad to have known him. My sincerest condolences.*

Warm Regards,

Bobbi

Bobbi (Marler) Brooks - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KF

“ we send our heartfelt condolences to all the family. ross was a very good man and we will miss him . we will keep all of you in our prayers.

kerry and jenny guthary& family - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KM

“ Judy and I were both Benton County employees. We both got to know and like Ross then. We helped start and served as house parents at Our Farm, Inc., a home for girls and boys that needed an alternate home. Ross was very interested and provided food for the kids and us. May God Bless Ross and his family.

Kent and Judt May - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

GC

“ Thought and prayers are with you Freda and Family
Gaylene

Gaylene Bowles Crowder - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JM

“ Thinking of you,

James & Linda

James & Linda Melton - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

TO

“ We are all very sorry for your loss, Ross will be missed by us all.
As friends and neighbors we will be here if needed.

Frank & Glenda
Joleen and family
Frankie & Chara
Andy & Vickie

Terrie Ocheltree - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ I never talked with Ross that he didn't always have a smile and a great sence of humor. He will be missed by many friends. my heart goes out to all his family.

Sincerely,
Carl Fowler

CARL FOWLER - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SJ

“ Dear Freda and family,
There is so little we can do to help you bear your sorrow..
There is so little we can say to help you through tomorrow..
But may these few words comfort you and let you know somehow
Our sympathy and warmest thoughts are there with you today..
Each and every one of you are in our hearts.

Shelton Luttrell Jr. - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

RP

“ Almost every day, one of the witticisms, lessons, jokes, or skills that I learned from the Wilmoth family has a true application to my life. He was a great man and, with Freda, has raised a great family.

Richard Pollock - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KW

“ *May our prayer and thought be with you in this time of need.*

KENNETH&ROBERTA WILMOTH - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JH

“ *speaking for the family...*
THANKS

jim huskins - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

LD

“ *We will remember Ross as a very dear friend. Always quick with a joke and a laugh. He was always there ready to help dad and mom how ever he could. We will always be gratefull to him for helping get the house and the drive ready for mom and dad when they moved to the farm. Mom loved the swans in the pond. We know he could have taken them back home but he left them there for her to enjoy. She lived there two years and loved every minute of it THANK YOU ROSS YOU WILL BE MISSED!*

Lewis Backer Jerry and Barbara Dart - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KS

“ *The day I got drafted in 1966 i was getting teased by several guys my age because I did not join the guards. Ross got my arm as we left for the cafe and stopped me to talk. His words "Ken I had no part of that because its no laughing matter and I am proud of you". The last conversation I had with my longtime friend, he asked I remembered those guys teasing me and my reply was "yes sir and the man who had a tear run down his cheek as he told me he was proud of me". I was also proud to call him my friend that has been so much a part of my life.*

Kenneth W. Shields - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

EL

“ Dear Freda and Wilmoth family,
We regret hearing of your loss. We pray for your strength through these difficult times.
Harvey and Mildred are in Little Rock at a schooling event but send their regrets to you. We visited with our families in Oregon and they share your sorrows and send their love.
Kay and I plan to see you Thursday.
You, our family and your community have lost a wonderful member. We know he will continue his good service in heaven.
Love, Kay and Eudell

Eudell, Kay, and Harvey & Mildred Luttrell - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

TD

“ Dear Wilmoth family I am truly sorry for your loss. And would like for you to know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. please continue to trust in God because he does have a plan for us to all be together again. your friend Rick Shipp.

the girls from the Gentry Diner - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

TD

“ Sorry to hear about your beloved Ross we will all miss him very much

the girls from the Gentry Diner - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

DB

“ Ross was one in a 1000
and was a very good friend and i will miss him

Dolores Brinkley - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

WJ

“ may christ be with in your hearts

william jackson - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JT

“ our thoughts & prayers go out to the familys, may god bless each of you

jeannie taylor - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

OH

“ To the entire Family of Willmoths, There is great joy in knowing that we are assured of something better than the life we experience today. In Love, Oscar& Irene

Oscar Holleque - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

BO

“ We were sorry to hear of your loss. We know that he will be missed by all his family and many friends. God bless you all.

Bob and Naomi Owen - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JT

“ Have known Ross since I conducted his father's funeral in 1949, as I remember it. Blessings on all family and friends.

John V. Terry - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

JF

“ May God Bless such a man who knew no stanger. May God Bless a family that had such a Father and Grandfather. May God allow this time to reflect on all the warm times with such a man who was well known and respected and that definitely has a place in heaven.

Jason Fike - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SG

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow.*

*Sincerely,
Silvia Pianalto*

Silvia Pianalto Gyll - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

DW

“ *Freda & Family,
So sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you always. If there is anything I can help you with, let me know.
Love & Prayers Always,
Debbie*

Debbie Woods - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SR

“ *Our thoughts are with your family.*

Sue & Milfred Anglin and Ruth Reasons - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ *He is going to be truly missed in our lives. He was such a great man and truly had a wonderful comical attitude. I met him about 10 years ago at "The Eatery" where I was a waitress and then Later worked at the Feed Store Cafe. I can speak for everyone at the Cafe. He was truly one of our favorites.
Im sorry about your loss*

Sara Downing & Clay Stewart - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KC

“ Growing up in Gentry as a friend of Lisa, I remember Ross Wilmoth as a big man. Not just in stature, but in heart, too. I remember him as a kind, gentle, funny man who loved his family. He will be greatly missed by them, I am sure.

Karen Deen Childress - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

DC

“ Don & I are sorry to hear about the loss of Ross. Sorry to hear about the recent problems concerning the Safari too. My family & I will always remember the times that Ross gave us personal tours around the Safari in his red truck. Thanks so much -- Lucy

Don & Lucy Cundiff - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM

CB

“ me and roger ae both sorry aboutthe loss in the death of your husband, father, father-in law , grandfather

carol baker - September 19, 2012 at 12:05 PM