



James Nathan Wilson

March 7, 1927 - June 29, 2024

James Nathan Wilson, age 97, of Moravia, IA, passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his children.

James was born on March 7, 1927, at the family farm NW of Moravia to Frank and Ruth (Cox) Wilson. He went to country school for 8 years and then graduated from the Moravia High School with the class of 1944. On April 30, 1950, he was united in marriage to Charlene Mahin and to this union, they were blessed with 4 children, Greg, Sheri, Milton, and Ruthann. James and Charlene celebrated 71 years of marriage prior to Charlene's passing on August 28, 2021.

After high school, James entered into the trucking business. He owned and operated his own truck business often hauling lime for local farmers. He also hauled wheat out of Kansas. James served his country in the United States Army in the Korean War (1952-1954). After serving his country, he continued trucking and began his farming career with his father. James retired from the family farm in 2000, as a proud, progressive and hard-working farmer.

James was a life member and currently the oldest member, of the Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia. He served on numerous church committees. He was a 50-year member of Past Master of Antiquity of the Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, and was a member of the American Legion

Howard Cessna Post #136. James was involved in Farm Bureau where he served as county president and voting delegate. James and Charlene were later inducted into the Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. He also served 12 years on the Moravia School Board. James and Charlene enjoyed traveling extensively in their RV. They traveled throughout the United States, spending time in each state. Alaska, where they spent 2 ½ months exploring, was a highlight in their travels, as well as venturing into Mexico 3 times with other adventurous friends.

James is survived by his children, Greg (Kathy) Wilson of Moravia, Sheri (Jeff) Vining of Des Moines, Milton Wilson of Moravia, and Ruthann Wilson Burkman of Albia; 9 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Deanna Wilson. James is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

James is preceded in death by his wife, Charlene; his parents, Frank and Ruth; 2 brothers, John and Paul Wilson; and a sister-in-law, Annabelle Wilson.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024, at the Moravia Grace Church Fellowship Hall in Moravia with James's family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends. Masonic Rites will be held at 7:00 p.m., led by Antiquity Lodge #252.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the Moravia Grace Church in Moravia with Pastor Trevor Vaughn and Pastor Shawn LaRue co-officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Moravia, Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose will follow services at Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia. Services will be livestreamed on the Tharp Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials have been established to the Moravia Fire and Rescue, or the

Albia Public Library.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest

Moravia, IA 52571

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Moravia Grace United Methodist
101 E North St
Moravia, IA 52571
(641) 724-3707

Masonic Rites

JUL 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Moravia Grace Church Fellowship Hall
Moravia, IA 52571

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Moravia Grace Church
101 E North St.
Moravia, IA 52571

Tribute Wall

MD

“ A cousin of the Dhority family connection. I wish to express my sincere condolences. Most of my memories are from my visits to the parents of James whom we visited often. Then we continued our visits to James and Charlene when we came back to Iowa to visit my mother’s family in Plano. The Wilsons hold a very special place in my heart and I will continue to hold fond memories of my visits and the beautiful dinners shared with us. Marilyn Dhority Danesh (Boston, MA)

marilyn Danesh - July 05, 2024 at 08:09 PM

WW

“ With Love, Your Cousin, Sonja Wilson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



With Love, Your Cousin, Sonja Wilson - July 05, 2024 at 01:20 PM

WW

“ With Love, Your Cousin, Sonja Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Nathan Wilson.

With Love, Your Cousin, Sonja Wilson - July 05, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ Ron Wilson, Kevin Wilson & Adda Gaylord purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



Ron Wilson, Kevin Wilson & Adda Gaylord - July 05, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Ron Wilson, Kevin Wilson & Adda Gaylord planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Nathan Wilson.

Ron Wilson, Kevin Wilson & Adda Gaylord - July 05, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



July 04, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



July 03, 2024 at 10:23 PM

SE

“ Sara and Eric purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



Sara and Eric - July 03, 2024 at 01:25 PM

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“ Sara and Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Nathan Wilson.

Sara and Eric - July 03, 2024 at 01:25 PM

WT

“ With love and prayers, The Turners purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



With love and prayers, The Turners - July 03, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



July 02, 2024 at 06:03 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



July 02, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Dear family of cousin James, This struck me just now as read this and fills my heart with sorrow, after I had talked to him on the phone a few times just a few weeks ago while visiting my father in the States. I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Love & hugs, Sonja

Sonja Wilson - July 02, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ Alan, Paula, Trevor and Caroline Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Nathan Wilson.



Alan, Paula, Trevor and Caroline Jones - July 01, 2024 at 08:39 PM



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Alan, Paula, Trevor and Caroline Jones - July 01, 2024 at 08:39 PM



“ *He was Uncle James to me. I always always remember his smile and he dearly loved his family. I'm so very sorry for their loss.*

Misty Smith - July 01, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ *James always had a smile and a hug to greet you at church! Will really miss him.*

Kathy Kaster

Kathy Milburn-Kaster - July 01, 2024 at 02:17 PM