



Robert Larry Wilson

June 1, 1944 - January 9, 2026

Robert Larry Wilson, age 81, of Storm Lake, Iowa died January 9, 2026 at Accura Healthcare of Aurelia.

Funeral services will take place Friday, January 23, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska. Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Larry Wilson was born June 1, 1944, at Emmetsburg, Iowa to Frank and Ruth (Follett) Wilson. His earliest years were on the farm between Newell and Sac City. The family moved to Storm Lake before he started school.

During his youth he enjoyed playing baseball, fishing, hunting and exploring along the shores of Storm Lake. He graduated from Storm Lake High School with the class of 1962, the last class that graduated from the old high school building. He was one of the three boys in his class named Robert Wilson. He went on to attend Iowa State University and graduated in 1965 with a BS degree in Mathematics.

He began his career as a computer programmer/analyst with Western Electric,

a subsidiary of AT&T, in Omaha, Nebraska. Although his job didn't change, the company did. After the breakup of the Bell System, the Western Electric name was dropped. A few years later, AT&T spun the Omaha Works and most of its other manufacturing facilities into a new company Lucent Technologies which in turn later spun them off as still another company Avaya. As rumors of another spinoff surfaced and an offer to retire was made, he chose to retire in 2001.

Bob was married to Sandra Beth Harry on December 23, 1967. Three children arrived to bless this marriage: Michael, Laurel, and Greg. He was particularly proud of his family. All of their children were members of the Nation Honor Society and graduated from college. Both of his sons achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

His wife Sandra passed away on February 12, 1990, just months before his oldest son Mike graduated from the US Naval Academy and youngest son Greg graduated from high school in Omaha two days apart.

On January 5, 1991, Bob was married to Joyce Goldman. They moved to Storm Lake at the end of 2001. Together they enjoyed more than twenty-seven years together.

Bob has been a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and has served on many committees and chaired many of them at one time or another. He has faithfully served the United Methodist Men as president for many years in both Omaha and Storm Lake. One of his proudest achievements was to have been awarded the "Golden Rule Award" with the rest of his family at Hanscom Park United Methodist Church in Omaha. He served as a lay member of the Annual Conference in both Nebraska and Iowa.

While living in Nebraska, Bob coached Girl Scout softball and was an

assistant scout master with a Boy Scout troop. He spent a week in Boy Scout camp for at least ten years. After he returned to Iowa, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and was a mentor with the Community Education program.

Bob liked to read the Bible (actually he listened to an audio version most of the time). He typically read the entire Bible two to five times a year.

Bob was diagnosed twice with cancer and survived them both.

Bob is survived by his son, Mike Wilson of Las Cruces, New Mexico, daughter Laurel Wilson of Papillion, Nebraska; and Greg (Tena) Wilson of Ames, Iowa, eight grandchildren, brothers Donald (Lynn) Wilson of Palatine, Illinois, Timothy (Heidi) Wilson of Duluth, Minnesota, special friend, Connie Herpst, siblings-in-law Jim Ebbenga, Mary A. Wilson, many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, second wife, Joyce Wilson, sister Rosalie Ebbenga, brother Richard Wilson, and his first wife Sandra Wilson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Burial

JAN 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

Forest Lawn Cemetery
7909 Mormon Bridge Rd.
Omaha , NE 68152

Tribute Wall

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 22 at 01:12 PM

DG

“ Robert was my best friend’s dad. I spent a lot of time while growing up, at their home & eating with them for their 6:00 pm sharp family dinners! They always made me feel like I was part of the family. Rest in peace Mr. Wilson.

Dori Grassau - January 19 at 05:25 PM

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“ Teresa C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Larry Wilson.

Teresa C. - January 19 at 09:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Larry Wilson.



January 19 at 09:28 AM

JW

“ *Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Robert Wilson*



Joan Whitney - January 14 at 10:06 AM