



Ronald C. Wilson

August 19, 1941 - February 21, 2023

Ronald C. Wilson, age 81, of Richfield, Minnesota, formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at his residence.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, March 10, 2023 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Storm Lake Fire Department or St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Ronald Clair Wilson was born August 19, 1941, to Alvie Furman and Helen Arlene (Busing) Wilson in Webster City, Iowa. He grew up attending school in Webster City, graduating in 1959. After graduating high school, he began working as a tree trimmer, then worked at Webster City Foundry. He later applied for a firefighter position with the Webster City Fire Department. He stayed on the department for 9 years, working his way up to being the Assistant Chief.

Ron was united in marriage to Patricia Faulkner on November 3, 1963, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Webster City. They were blessed with four children: Susan, Matthew, Jennifer, and Brian.

On May 1, 1971, Ron and his family moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, where he served as the Fire Chief of the Storm Lake Fire Department until 1999. He served as an instructor for the Fire Service Training Bureau, and taught classes to many departments throughout Northwest Iowa. He served as President of the Iowa Firefighters Association from 1979 – 1980. He also served as President of the Iowa Paid Fire Chiefs Association. Upon retirement from the Storm Lake Fire Department, he went on to sell fire trucks for Clarey's Safety Equipment, and later worked as a salesman for Fitzpatrick's in Storm Lake. In his free time, Ron enjoyed coaching youth sports and served on the Tornado Booster Club. He loved to golf and enjoyed bike riding, even going on RAGBRAI numerous times.

Ron was active in his faith through church, serving as an usher, and chaperoning many youth group summer trips. He treasured his time with family over everything. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish Ron's memory are his wife, Pat Wilson of Richfield, Minnesota; children: Susan Wilson of Edina, Minnesota; Matthew (Tiffany) Wilson of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; Jennifer (Jeff) Christiansen of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; Brian (Brienne) Wilson of Algona, Iowa; sister: Pamela Wilson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; sisters in law: Mary Wilson of Webster City, Iowa; Judy Ross of Sun City West, Arizona; grandchildren: Claire, Carter, and Caden Christiansen; Isaac, Mathias, and Gideon Wilson; extended family and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvie and Helen (Busing) Wilson; brother: Steve Wilson; parents in law: Tom and Betty Faulkner; and brother in law: Jerry Faulkner.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Tribute Wall



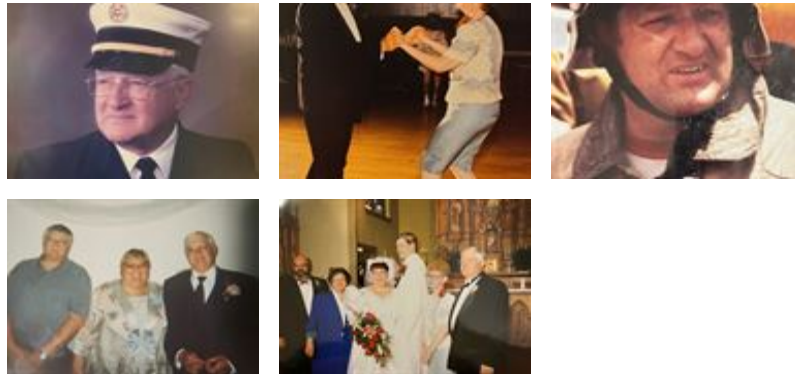
“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald C. Wilson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 10, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *201 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 10, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 09, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Wilson.*



March 08, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson*



John/Connie Demers - March 07, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Wilson.*



March 06, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Wilson.*



March 06, 2023 at 08:34 PM

YP

“ *Your sister, Pam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald C. Wilson.*



Your sister, Pam - February 28, 2023 at 09:56 PM

TR

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I have very fond memories of him during my time on the SLFD and water fight weekends. He will be always remembered!*



Tom Rhodes - February 28, 2023 at 10:47 AM

RM

“ *Served on the I F A board with Ron, Became very good friend with him.
He was very well respected and very much cared about the direction the I FA was going. One of the great leaders of the fire service in Iowa.
He will be missed.(Rest well my friend)*

Ron C

ron miller - February 27, 2023 at 05:34 PM

TS

“ Tony and the Entire Statz Family send our deepest condolences



Tony Statz - February 27, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ronald C. Wilson.



February 27, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ Jen Launderville lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson



Jen Launderville - February 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM

LZ

“ Larry Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson



Larry and Sue Zwemke - February 27, 2023 at 11:42 AM

RM

“ Randy Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson



Randy and Mona Mason - February 26, 2023 at 01:04 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF A FORMER FIREMAN & CHIEF, RON WILSON. MAY HE RIP. TO HIS WIFE & FAMILY, OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS.



JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE STORM LAKE

PATTY GUNVILLE - February 26, 2023 at 12:25 PM

PG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our Sympathy and Prayers go out to Pat and the Family. Rest in Peace Ron



Paul and Pam Green - February 26, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ One of my favorite Little League and youth basketball coaches, and father to one of my best childhood friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. -Scott Strader

Scott Strader - February 25, 2023 at 01:08 PM

BE

“ OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO PAT AND FAMILY MEMBERS. RON WAS A GREAT FIREFIGHTER AND WE HAVE ALOT OF GREAT MEMORIES. GOD'S BLESSINGS.



Bruce and Jo Erie - February 24, 2023 at 10:03 PM

JW

“ Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson



Joan Whitney - February 24, 2023 at 04:03 PM

DT

“ David Sandra Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson



David & Sandra Taylor - February 24, 2023 at 09:50 AM

CS

“ With our deepest sympathy, our love and prayers are with the Wilson family. Ron was a wonderful man and we were honored to have known him and served along side him in Storm Lake. May he Rest In Peace!
Steve and Cheryl Schoof

Cheryl Schoof - February 23, 2023 at 08:06 PM

CD

“ Cheryl Dave DeMan lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilson



Cheryl & Dave DeMan - February 23, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JC

“ Jeff/Jean Chindlund sent a virtual gift in memory of Ronald Wilson



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - February 23, 2023 at 12:45 PM