



Gregory Allen Wilson

August 16, 1954 - January 7, 2013

Gregory Allen Wilson (Greg) was called home to be with The Lord on Monday, January 7th, 2013. He was born on August 16th, 1954 in Saginaw, Michigan to John L. Wilson and Lucille E. Wilson. Greg was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church . He was baptized and confirmed. Greg loved The Lord and he loved his church . During his prolonged illness, Greg talked of childhood memories of his church upbringing often regaling his siblings with stories of the "old St. Paul's" as he affectionately spoke of the church.

Greg was a 1972 graduate of Saginaw High School, graduating as a member of the National Honor Society. Through his primary and secondary school years, Greg was active in scouting, attaining the distinction of Eagle Scout and was proud to attend the National Scouting Jamboree in Cimarron, New Mexico. As a young man, Greg was always determined to devote his life to helping people and initially planned on pursuing a medical degree. Greg attended the University of Michigan where he studied Pre-med. While at Michigan, Greg pledged Phi Beta Sigma and was an active member of the fraternity.

He returned to Saginaw and became an EMS technician, later beginning a career as a 911 Operator. In a special telecast by ABC (Channel 12) celebrating Saginaw 911 Dispatch's Thirtieth Anniversary, Greg was acknowledged for his ever calm demeanor in the midst of chaos and was

credited with saving scores of lives as he deftly handled life-threatening situations. He was called "cool, calm and collected". He excelled at his job and was unflappable in his demeanor.

With the gift of a baritone voice, Greg chuckled his wonderful laugh at the reputation he attained as the "Velvet Voice", and the "Barry White of 911". He has left our city a better place as he retired in 2011 from Saginaw County after 25 years of dedicated service. Greg had a wonderful sense of humor and could be counted on to coin a funny phrase, tell a great joke or orchestrate an elaborate plan to pull off a joke on an unsuspecting friend or relative. He was devoted to his family, protector of all and a prince of a man. He had plans to move to Ann Arbor, Michigan to be closer to his family. He was also looking forward to traveling and enjoying his retirement.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children, son, Jonathan Wilson and daughter, Candyce Young; one grandchild, Sydney Young. He also leaves his father, John L. Wilson; one brother, Lawrence (Winnie) Crawford and two sisters, Carlotta Wilson and Kathleen (Donald) Wilson-Thompson; three nephews, Lawrence (Krysta) Crawford, Jr., Lawrence Crawford III and Alan Crawford and one niece, Taylor Thompson. Greg also leaves two aunts, Delores Chambers and Christine Jones along with one uncle, Eugene Henderson, Sr., and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends, including special cousins, Denise Jones and Angie Jones, and special friends, Vivian Young and Gladys Jumper.

His mother, Lucille E. Wilson pre-deceased him. His maternal and paternal grandparents also predeceased him: Mordecai and Lottie Bryant and Charlie and Cleo Wilson.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Singh, the nurses and doctors at Covenant Neuro ICU particularly Drs. Ansari and Hahn, and to

Nurses, Toni, Rachelle and Renee and respiratory therapist, Eric. The family is deeply grateful to all the respective clergy, family and friends who prayed with them and stood by them as Greg made his final transition to the Lord.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 720 Tuscola. Rev. Judy Boli will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
720 Tuscola
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Browne's Mortuary - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jocelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Jocelyn Jackson - January 22, 2013 at 07:10 PM

LM

“ Aunt Kathy, Carla, Mr. Wilson, Larry, Jonathan, & the entire Wilson Family,

Know that God has not left you or forsaken you...Gregory is in good hands now! He fought a good fight, but now there is no need to fight anymore. All is well with his soul!!

As I think about his transition, I think about how much everyone will miss him...the laughs, fun, and great memories; however, his work on earth is done. I can see God has greeted him at the front doors of heaven, arms open wide, saying "well done my good and faithful servant!"

In addition, how good he must have felt to not only meet his father in heaven, but to be comforted again in the arms of his mom.

While you will miss him dearly, be at peace knowing that Gregory in good hands..he, like each of you, is not alone!! I love you all and will be praying for your continued peace and strength!!

God bless you all!

Love always,

Lekesha Morton & Family (Justin, Gabrielle, Justin II)

Lekesha Love Morton - January 12, 2013 at 10:06 AM

JD

Larry and Winnie,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Greg knew that you loved him. So let the good memories help you through this difficult time. Joan Dunn, Charlotte, NC

Joan G. Dunn - January 15, 2013 at 01:45 PM

DA

“ *Kathy, Carla and the Wilson Family*

We are saddened by your lost and words no matter how kind can mend your broken heart. But we who care and share in the loss of Gregory, wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of each other, the warm embrace of friends, and the wonderful memories of you and your brother together.

Love and we are praying for you.

Denise (Necie) & Robert Acquaye

Denise Acquaye - January 12, 2013 at 07:07 AM



TL

“ *What a Truly Beloved man of God!*

I only know of Greg through the eyes of his beautiful sister Kathleen who must have gotten being "calm, cool, and collected" directly from him;)



Our prayer is for your family to have the peace of God that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7), and we share the following poem excerpt as blessing and encouragement:

(What God Has Promised by Annie J. Flint)

*"...God has not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain...*

*...He has not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.*

*But God has promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer,
Light for the way.*

*Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love."*

*With the love of God,
Teresa Lindsey-Houston & Family
xoxo GB Layla*

Teresa Lindsey-Houston - January 12, 2013 at 03:38 AM

TF

“ *Teresa Lindsey-Houston & Family purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Gregory Allen Wilson.*



Teresa Lindsey-Houston & Family - January 12, 2013 at 02:40 AM

MR

“ *to my brother in Christ, class mate of 72 u will truly be missed. to the family know that GOD knows best & called his son home for his work here was done. bless those who mourn for they shall be comforted*



mittie russell - January 12, 2013 at 12:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Allen Wilson.*



January 11, 2013 at 08:47 PM



“ *Joyce Barlow lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Joyce Barlow - January 11, 2013 at 06:39 PM

PB

“ *My deepest sympathy to Greg's family. Greg served the citizens of Saginaw County & all of the county agencies responding to emergencies by providing his calm and decisive assistance. God Bless Greg and your family.*

*Paul Behmlander
Asst. Fire Chief
Kochville F.D.*

P Behmlander - January 11, 2013 at 06:19 PM

EH

“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home - January 11, 2013 at 03:11 PM

SJ

“ *Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Shirley Jones - January 11, 2013 at 02:51 PM

SJ

My deepest condolence goes out to the family and friends of Gregory, it was nice to have you as a Saginaw High School class of 1972 classmate, may you rest in peace

Shirley Jones - January 11, 2013 at 02:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory Allen Wilson.*



January 11, 2013 at 02:40 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Ford lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Sharon Ford - January 11, 2013 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ *Calvin P. Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Calvin P. Mcfarland - January 11, 2013 at 01:06 PM

LJ

“ *Linda D. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Linda D. Johnson - January 11, 2013 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ *Steven Wilson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Steven Wilson - January 11, 2013 at 08:46 AM

SW

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you
and whispered "Come to Me".
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands now rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Steve Wilson

Steven Wilson - January 11, 2013 at 08:59 AM

DD

“ *Debra Drake-Davis lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Debra Drake-Davis - January 11, 2013 at 08:03 AM

DD

Prayers and heartfelt sympathy to your family.

Debra Drake-Davis - January 11, 2013 at 08:06 AM



“ *River Cane Cross was purchased for the family of Gregory Allen Wilson.*



January 10, 2013 at 09:18 PM

PM

“ *Pamela (Stephens) Monroe lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Pamela (Stephens) Monroe - January 10, 2013 at 09:03 PM

CR

“ *To the family,*

What I heard about Gregory is that he cared about so many people, especially his family. I would like the family to take comfort in knowing that Gregory is now resting comfortably. He has accomplished much, given much, and now he reaps the benefits of his labors. My prayer is for your peace and understanding that he is one of God's children and now he has claimed his place in God's "Eternal Kingdom".



Cheryl F. Roberts, Battle Creek, MI

Cheryl F. Roberts - January 10, 2013 at 08:41 PM

KD

“ *Mr. Wilson, Larry, Carla and Kathleen*
I was stunned to learn of Gregory's passing. Kathy and I had spoken recently about his illness, but this news had me at a loss. It has been many years since Greg and I have actually spoken, but Kathy always kept me up with the family, and sent messages from Greg. I was always honored that he remembered me. I loved his sense of humor and golden voice. He was always inclusive of me when I was around. He will be missed. But we are taught that the last transition is a home going. So I am sure he is arriving to meet his beloved mother and other family members and will watch carefully over each of you as you go through your days. He was not a rich man, but his wealth was in his love for family and friends, the work he did and his community.



I pray for each of you in your bereavement and as you adjust to his physical absence. But you are rich in memories that you can share or hold close to remember him without sickness or pain.

Kathie D Dones-Carson - January 10, 2013 at 08:06 PM

NB

“ *1 file added to the album Life and Times of Gregory*

Nina C. Bond-Hayes - January 10, 2013 at 06:16 PM



“ We will truly miss my cousin, Brother, and friend,, We had good times as kids in the Wilson basement and as room mates on Jefferson St. Being there for Valerie to help her to grow up ..times we will never forget. Love you Greg until we meet again. Sylvester n Nina Hayes along with Valerie Mannie & Family and Alisecia Hemphill- Mannie & Boyz..

Nina Bond-Hayes - January 10, 2013 at 05:46 PM

NB

“ Nina C. Bond-Hayes sent a virtual gift in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Nina C. Bond-Hayes - January 10, 2013 at 05:26 PM

LE

“ Linda Edwards-Brown lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Linda Edwards-Brown - January 10, 2013 at 03:24 PM

LE

To Carla and Cathy - It's the little things, the small, everyday occurrences that you'll remember. The laughs, the stories, the smiles. And even though it seems like you can never recover from your loss, it is these very memories of Greg aka "Fan", that will help push the pain away and bring back the smiles.

*Sisterly love,
Linda*

Linda Edwards-Brown - January 10, 2013 at 03:30 PM

LR

“ Rest in peace Greg.
Greg was among the best as a dispatcher at central dispatch.
I had numerous times I called central dispatch, Greg always did a great job, no matter how big a call was, both on the phone and the radio, Greg was always very calm, cool and collective, never got excited or rattled.



Lonnie Richter - January 10, 2013 at 02:47 PM

JH

“ Joyce Denise Hankins lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Joyce Denise Hankins - January 10, 2013 at 02:13 PM

SW

“ My condolences to Greg's family. Greg was the best 911 dispatcher I have ever had the opportunity to work with. Nothing rattled him, he was always as calm as they come. He took care of the officers on the other end of the radio, anticipating what we may need. Hearing Greg's voice made you feel secure, because you knew he was watching out for you. God bless you Greg you served God's mission for you well.
D/Sgt. Sean T. Waterman BVPD.

Sean T. Waterman - January 10, 2013 at 01:06 PM

CB

“ Charles Bell lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Charles Bell - January 10, 2013 at 12:13 PM

CB

I was so blessed to have Greg as a friend for many years.He was not a man of many words,but when he did ,it ment somthing.I worked with him at AHHS in the 90's.He had a special way with the kids.I'm going to miss him a lot,we had many good talks,and life stories we shared together that I'll always remember.Sleep on my brother,I'll see you on the other side soon.May god bless the family.

Charles Bell - January 10, 2013 at 12:26 PM

AH

“ Ayanna Harrow lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Ayanna Harrow - January 10, 2013 at 12:07 PM

HS

“ Herman & Cathy Sims lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Herman & Cathy Sims - January 10, 2013 at 11:51 AM

SB

“ *Shellie A. Bell-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Shellie A. Bell-Jackson - January 10, 2013 at 11:38 AM

SK

“ *SHS C/o 1975-Classmates Of Kathleen lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



SHS c/o 1975-Classmates of Kathleen - January 10, 2013 at 11:18 AM

SC

Kathy, on behalf of your fellow classmates, brother and sisters we extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

Sylvia George - fellow classmate - January 10, 2013 at 11:20 AM

RW

“ *Rita Y. Williams lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Rita Y. Williams - January 10, 2013 at 09:51 AM

LM

“ *Lisa Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Lisa Montgomery - January 10, 2013 at 08:22 AM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Velissa Batts - January 09, 2013 at 11:17 PM

SJ

“ *Sophia Jordan lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Sophia Jordan - January 09, 2013 at 10:42 PM

SJ

You will be greatly missed.

Sophia Jordan - January 09, 2013 at 10:43 PM

GD

“ George A. Drain lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



George A. Drain - January 09, 2013 at 09:17 PM

GD

Greg was indeed a scholar and a gentleman. He was a kindred spirit all the years I knew him. Intelligent but didn't flaunt it. Humble and truly a child of God. To the family, God bless and keep you

George A. Drain - January 09, 2013 at 09:20 PM

DR

“ Duane Richardson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Duane Richardson - January 09, 2013 at 08:33 PM

AO

“ Ashli Oberle lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Ashli Oberle - January 09, 2013 at 06:32 PM

AO

I am a better dispatcher for knowing you

Ashli Oberle - January 09, 2013 at 06:33 PM

GW

“ Greg Wilson, fellow Cougar, Trojan, Wolverine and east side Saginawian. Road trips, philosophy quips, friendships, Greg could be counted in. Greg graced the cover of our graduating year SHS yearbook (1972), and graced life with his memorable humor and dignified manner. My condolences to the family and those who love Greg Wilson. He will definitely be missed and fondly remembered.



Geordie Wilson - January 09, 2013 at 06:02 PM

GB

“ Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Gwen White Bowman - January 09, 2013 at 05:19 PM

GB

My deepest sympathy to the family of Gregory A. Wilson

Gwen White Bowman - January 09, 2013 at 05:20 PM

BC

“ Billy & Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Billy & Karen Cork - January 09, 2013 at 04:01 PM

PE

“ 6 files added to the album *Life and Times of Gregory*



Paul Eddy - January 09, 2013 at 10:36 AM

C1

“ *Class Of 1973 sent a virtual gift in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*




Class of 1973 - January 09, 2013 at 10:15 AM

Yvette Granberry

“ *Yvette Granberry lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Yvette Granberry - January 08, 2013 at 10:14 PM

 Serita
Hope-
Oates

“ *Serita Hope-Oates lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Serita Hope-Oates - January 08, 2013 at 08:45 PM

MH

“ *Thanks Greg for everything, you will be missed.*



matt hooverman - January 08, 2013 at 03:37 PM

LG

“ *Linda Goodwin-Eldridge lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Linda Goodwin-Eldridge - January 08, 2013 at 01:49 PM

EC

“ *Evangelist Pamela J. Dottery & Children lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson*



Evangelist Pamela J. Dottery & Children - January 08, 2013 at 12:11 PM

PQ

“ Patricia & Isiah Qualls lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Patricia & Isiah Qualls - January 08, 2013 at 10:24 AM

DM

“ Deborah A. Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Deborah A. Morris-Williams - January 08, 2013 at 10:23 AM

LJ

“ Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Gregory Allen Wilson



Lela and Wilson Jones - January 08, 2013 at 09:53 AM