



LeRoy "Bud" Wilson

January 8, 1928 - February 17, 2019

LeRoy "Bud" Wilson, 91, of Kankakee passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at his home. He was born on January 8, 1928 in Kankakee, the same house in which he passed away, never once moving in his 91 years of life. He was the son of Ira and Rose Christensen Wilson. Bud married Carol Kurtz on August 21, 1948 in Peotone.

Bud started in the mailroom at A.O. Smith Corporation and later worked as a Forklift Operator. He retired after 42 years, upon the closing of the factory. When Bud was 5 years old, his father took him to the Chicago World's Fair and he became a collector of those items later in his life. A lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, Bud was happy to see the team win the World Series. He enjoyed antiquing, going to flea markets and hunting.

He is survived by his wife Carol Wilson of Kankakee; two sons James Wilson of Kankakee and Kurt Wilson of Kankakee; three daughters Elizabeth Senesac of Bradley, Kathryn (Jerald) Thomas of Herscher and Lynn (Andy) Zugenbuehler of Essex; his grandchildren Andy (Karly) Senesac, Mark (Vanessa) Senesac, Craig Senesac, Douglas Thomas, Brad Thomas, Laura Wilson, Brian (Nicole) Wilson, Nick Wilson, Drew Zugenbuehler and Cody Zugenbuehler; his great-grandchildren Abby, Lily, Jack, Anna, Ava, Evelyne, Claire, Logan and Hope; and his nieces, nephew and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and infant brother Clifford Wilson, his siblings Harold Wilson and Violet Hamilton, and his son-in-law Robin "Bob" Senesac.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9am until the 11am funeral service at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Tribute Wall



“ *LeRoy "Bud" Wilson*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies. Never had the pleasure of deer camp, but the stories will live forever.*

Roland Hughes - February 27, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy goes to my dear Kankakee family. We are so sorry for the loss of Uncle Bud. What a life well and long lived. Many fond memories of playing with all the kids at Aunt Carols and Uncle Buds. Such a sweet soul. He is now forever with all those we love who I am sure were waiting for him in Heaven. Love to you all and especially Autie Carol. - Hugs, Brigitte*

Brigitte - February 22, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire Wilson family. I've always appreciated the efforts Bud took to teach me proper Deer Camp etiquette more than 30 years ago... He'll be missed.*

Joel Speckman - February 21, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy for LeRoy's family.
Tom & Mary Maass*

Tom and Mary Maass - February 20, 2019 at 07:50 PM