



Karl George Wilson

March 18, 1958 - June 4, 2026

A Celebration of Life for Karl George Wilson, 68, of Tyler, Texas will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 1 pm at Church of God Big Sandy with Wynn Skelton officiating.

Karl passed away June 4, 2026 at home surrounded by family. He was born March 18, 1958 in Muscatine, Iowa, the first child to Robert Darrel and Dorothea Boche Wilson. When he was one year old, his parents moved to Sparta, Illinois to the Wilson family farm. Karl's childhood was filled with tractors, silos, harvesting corn and soybeans, and putting up hay to help feed their Hereford cattle. He enjoyed working with his Grandpa and his Dad except for having to do farm chores in the cold Illinois winters. By the time Karl was 15, five siblings had joined the family.

In 1976, Karl left Illinois to attend Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas. It was there that he met the love of his life, Sharon Bailey. They married on August 6, 1978 and made their home in Tyler, Texas. Early in their marriage, Karl worked construction jobs while attending school to pursue his interest in the computer field. In 1981 Karl started working in the computer industry and eventually graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. Karl and Sharon had three children to complete their family; Jessica, Laura, and Jacob. Karl worked in software development and management, with over 30 years of that time spent at SFG in Big Sandy,

Texas.

Karl was active in the Church of God and in the community. He served as a Boy Scouts of America leader, he was on the Business Advisory Board for Kilgore College, and for more than ten years attended Church of God International in Tyler. Karl was very involved with music at church and in his personal life. Much to his delight, he served as piano accompanist for all three of his children during their many musical competitions. At church, Karl gave sermons when called upon and was a worship leader for Common Faith Network's annual Feast of Tabernacles in Florida. Karl and Sharon also volunteered annually at Camp Outreach where they helped with work projects in Indiana and Kansas City as well as leading worship music for the teens and camp workers.

Karl is survived by his loving family, including his wife of 47 years, Sharon Wilson; daughters, Jessica Wilson (Vince Cook), Laura Wilson (Bridget Kurr); son, Jacob Wilson (Kalista Wilson); two granddaughters, Cara Wilson-Kurr and Amelia Wilson-Kurr; and siblings, Michael Wilson (Sarah Wilson), Anita Tarkington (Beau Tarkington), Angela Wilson (Richard Chaklos), George Wilson, and Sonja Bailey. Also left to miss him are his brother- and sisters-in-law; Lee and Susan Bailey, Ed and Margie Bailey, and Cindy Hausmann. Cindy moved in and helped the family and was able to be with Karl to the end. He also leaves behind nieces and nephews and other family members as well as very close friends that are considered family.

Karl was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents; his parents; his father- and mother-in-law, Don and Ruth Bailey; and his sister-in-law, Sylvia Bailey VanDeventer.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of God
1106 W. Broadway Street
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karl George Wilson.*



7 hours ago



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karl George Wilson.

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“ *The Kyle Woodard Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Karl George Wilson.*



The Kyle Woodard Family - Yesterday at 11:36 PM



“ *The Kyle Woodard Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karl George Wilson.*

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SC

“ Sharon and family- so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember talking to Sharon and Karl when Marji and I were walking. Prayers are sent to you on your loss. Sincerely, Susan Culp 🙏

Susan Culp - Yesterday at 07:30 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Karl George Wilson.



Yesterday at 07:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karl George Wilson.

Yesterday at 07:10 PM

DK

“ Dave and Joy Kern purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Karl George Wilson.



Dave and Joy Kern - Yesterday at 05:40 PM

DK

“ Dave and Joy Kern planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karl George Wilson.

Dave and Joy Kern - Yesterday at 05:40 PM

MB

“Karl was without a doubt one of the kindest people I've ever known
♥♥ Words can't describe how proud I was to be able to call him
brother (in law but seemed like more)! Though we didn't get to see
him that often it always felt like we had only been apart a day or
two. What a wonderful man we have lost but I know there are better
times ahead ♥♥♥ Love to all his family members!!

Margie Bailey - Yesterday at 03:49 PM