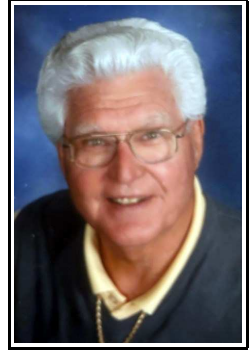


Gerald (Jerry) Andrew Wilson '60

of Lakeland, FL, passed away in the early morning of Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the age of 86. He was born on February 11, 1938, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois where he grew up in the Roseland area.

He graduated from Fenger High School in 1955, went on to graduate from the University of Illinois in 1960 with a degree in Agronomy.

He joined the United States Marine Corp in 1960 and served his country well for six years, full-time and then part-time as a Reservist. He was also involved with the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club in Coloma Michigan, and the Chicago Ski Club.



After graduating from the University of Illinois where he was an active member of the Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho, he entertained for 18 weeks in Las Vegas as a backup singer. He came back to the Chicago area and worked as a salesman for Standard Oil for two years and then, RH Donnelly, Yellow Pages, for 35 years with many top awards.

After moving to Florida, he was actively involved in the Presbyterian Church, the Masons, and Curtain Time Players for several years. He continued to bowl and had a 299 game with a 700 series. He was an active member for 23 years in different local BASS clubs in Michigan, Illinois, and Florida, and competed on the BASS Tournament Trail.

He was preceded in death by his parents Everet Schultz Wilson and Margaret (Czap) Wilson.

He is survived by his loving wife Michele (Harris) Wilson, his daughters: Kimberly (Wilson) Manson, Gloria (Miller) Every-Franklin (Paul) and Brandy (Miller) Burr (Michael). Grandchildren: Mitchell, Zachary, and Jessica Manson, Madilynn, Robin, and Katie Every, Chesney, and Charity Franklin.

The family would like to thank Good Shepherd Hospice of Lakeland Florida for the care and compassion they showed Jerry in his final days. While there, he received a Quilt of Valor, Vietnam Service Pin, and lots of love.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on June 8, 2024, at 1:00 pm, in the Main Hall of the clubhouse at Cypress Lakes Village, 10000 US Highway 98 N, Lakeland, FL 33810.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his honor to Good Shepherd Hospice, 3470 Lakeland Hills Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33805

He was a very loving husband, father, and grandfather, and he will be missed by many.