



Richard Albert (Dick) Wilson, 95, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, brother and uncle passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of July 8th 2024. He was able to spend his last hours with his beloved daughters sitting with him, lovingly holding his hand, and singing hymns to him before he passed in his sleep.

Dick was born January 17th 1929 in Los Angeles, California to Howard William Wilson and Georgia Hannah Beven, the oldest of three children. In his younger years he played the clarinet. He graduated early from Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte High School in 1947. He lettered in basketball, was the school's sports editor, and won the Bausch and Lomb award in science. Dick was also a delegate to Boy's State as a Senator. He attended the University of Southern California where he studied petroleum engineering with a minor in Geology, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1951. During his summers Dick worked for General Petroleum Corporation on a land survey crew in Ventura County.

Dick met his future wife, Carol Jane Cole when he was 18 years old while attending a Methodist youth retreat at Camp Radford in Southern California. Dick became engaged to Carol on her graduation day from high school. Before his college graduation they were married March 3rd 1951 in the old First Methodist Church in downtown Long Beach, California. Dick and Carol were married over 71 years. This marriage would begin an adventure traveling the world with General Petroleum Corporation, which merged with Mobil Oil in 1959.

Beginning in 1951, Dick served three years in port security with the Coast Guard Reserve. He was following his father's footsteps who also worked in the oil business with General Petroleum Corporation. Dick finished his training program with "GP" in the Los Angeles area and in Big Piney, Wyoming. He then continued a long career with Mobil Oil in various engineering and managerial assignments at several locations. These years would see them moving to a new location every two or three years. They lived in California, Connecticut, Louisiana, Texas, Iran, England, Colorado, Connecticut again, Norway and then back to Connecticut, Virginia and finally to Dallas, Texas. He retired in 1992, concluding a 41 year career with Mobil Oil.

Dick and Carol remained in the Dallas, Texas area during their retirement years as most of their children live in the Dallas area. He found great joy attending games, concerts and plays, for his children, grandkids and even greats! Grandpa Dick never failed to call each one of them on their birthdays and sing happy birthday. He enjoyed reading and instilled a love of reading in his kids. Dad loved watching old musicals and listening to music from his past.

Dick was a founding trustee of Faith Christian School in Grapevine, Texas. He was interested in the schools creative arts and drama program; purchasing a grand piano for the school. He was a behind the scene volunteer for the TBN production of "Creation in the 21st Century" for many years. He also helped with video production for Millennium Bible Institute based in Imperial, Texas. Dick

and Carol were longtime supporters of United Indian Missions based in Glendale, Arizona. Dad's Christian faith motivated and inspired him during his long life.

Dick was predeceased by wife: Carol Jane (Cole) Wilson in 2022, son Kenneth William Wilson in 1960, brother John Howard Wilson in 2022, sister Shirley Georgene Brady In 2012 and son-in-law Anthony James Paul in 2022. Dick is survived by sons: Thomas Lane Wilson (Rosalee) of Prineville, Oregon; Bruce Alan Wilson (Marilynn) of Grapevine, Texas; Steven Charles Wilson (Pilar) of Euless, Texas; James Andrew Wilson (Jennifer) of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; daughters: Elizabeth Anne Paul of Denton, Texas and Rebecca Dianne Townsend (William) of Flower Mound, Texas. Dick leaves behind 29 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life is planned for August 11th 2024. If you would like to honor Dick's life, please consider a donation to one of the ministries mentioned above.