



Donald Everett Wilder

November 28, 1943 - December 18, 2025

Donald Everett Wilder, age 82 husband of Joyce Anne Toler Wilder was welcomed into Heaven on December 18, 2025.

Mr. Wilder was born November 28, 1943, in Portsmouth, Virginia, a son of the late Donald Everett Wilder and Onie Marie Baynard Wilder.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 63 years are one daughter Shayna Lynae Wilder Blackwell and husband Stephen, of Woodruff, SC; two grandchildren, Dr. Sagen Lynae Blackwell of Roanoke, Virginia and Karder Larson Blackwell of Woodruff, South Carolina; one sister, Anita Marie Wilder Shupe of Scottsdale, Arizona and a brother-in-law, Richard Lee Cannaday of Wertz, Virginia, and half-sister Sharon Ann Thomas-Stahle Hatch of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Wilder was predeceased by his stepfather Edward Bass Griswold of Martinsville, Virginia; his half-brother, James Allen Wilder of Atlantic City, New Jersey; and his brother-in-law, Douglas Wayne Toler of Bedford, Virginia.

Don served as a publisher of The Union (SC) Daily Times (1970-1994), The Williamson (WV) Daily News (1994-1996) and CEO of Hometown News in Spartanburg, SC in 1996 until his retirement in 2012. He was a coach to many baseball teams and loved all the boys he called his own. After coaching he

became an umpire, calling games for college and minor league teams. Don was charter President of the Kiwanis Club of Union, SC. He served as a South Carolina Highway Commissioner from 1990-94 for the 16th Judicial District. In 1994, he was awarded the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto by Governor David M. Beasley. He was active in the General Daniel Morgan Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and the Valley Forge Society. He was a member of Burnsvieview Baptist Church in Greer, SC.

A graveside service will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, Martinsville, Virginia on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 2PM in the afternoon.

The family will receive friends, January 10, 2026, following the service at the graveside.

The family will be at 101 Fern Leaf Court, Woodruff, South Carolina 29388.

Online Condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

103 Clearview Drive
Martinsville, VA 24112

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Martinsville, VA 24112

Tribute Wall

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“ From; Eddie Dean & Anne Stepp purchased the Red Poinsettia Saddle (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Donald Everett Wilder.



From; Eddie Dean & Anne Stepp - December 19, 2025 at 06:38 PM

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“ I worked for him at The Union Daily Times. He was a very kind boss man and I enjoyed my employment with him. So sorry to hear of his passing. My heart goes out to his family. ❤️🙏🕊️

Karen Fowler - December 19, 2025 at 05:16 PM

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“ I've been friends with Don and Joyce since 1964 when he worked for the Hopewell Gazette in Hopewell, Va. Always a great friend and always helpful. I just can't believe he made it to meet the Lord before I did. God Bless You Joyce and family and know our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Walter Grant - December 19, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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My brother... he always wanted to beat me whether monopoly, parchesi or checkers. Well, he's done it again! He beat me to heaven 🙏 it's ok, I will be there soon and the you're it!

anita wilder shupe - December 19, 2025 at 10:12 PM