



## Ronald Dalton Wilbanks

November 8, 1949 - October 27, 2025

Ronald Dalton Wilbanks, 75, passed away October 27, 2025.

A native of Greer, he was a son of the late Percy M. and Bessie Forrester Wilbanks. Dalton grew up in a large family of thirteen children. His mother ran a small gas station/grocery store located on North Highway 101. His father was a pilot and his airstrip was right behind their house.

Dalton retired from Christ Church Episcopal Schools in 2016, as Facilities Director after forty-six years of service. His hobbies and interests included airplanes, trains, and clocks. Dalton was still a licensed private aircraft pilot. Dalton and Judy met in 1999 at Cooper's Paint and Wallpaper, and liked to say, "we have been stuck on each other ever since."

Most of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren lived within driving distance and their most treasured moments were getting everyone together and sharing a meal.

He was the king of "Dad jokes", his quick wit and sense of humor, along with his fantastic smile made you feel at ease, and people were captivated by his large personality.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Ann Solesbee Wilbanks of the home; four children, Mundi Owen (Lance) of Greer, South Carolina, Ronald L. Wilbanks (Carrie) of Greer, South Carolina, Tammy Taylor (Kevin) of Lyman, South Carolina, and Teresa Rodriguez (Morgan) of Newton, North Carolina; a brother, Raymond Wilbanks (Dorothy) of Greer, South Carolina; a brother-in-law, Ben Solesbee; eleven grandchildren, Austin Owen, Anna Owen, Isaiah

Styles, Jakob Gilliam, Katelyn Styles, Maribeth Kreischer (Riley), Michael Davis (Kallye), Jessica Davis, Chelsea Townson (Justin), Cierra Townson, and Briana McCabe (Ben); and two great-grandchildren, Aubrey Townson and Hayden Townson.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Donald, Marshall, and Melvin Wilbanks; and eight sisters, Paralie Gosnell, Moaitt Belcher, Thelma Styles, Marie Odom Rich, Martha Perry, Jeanette Tate, Bonnie Raynes and Evelyn Wilbanks.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Rev. Terry Wilkerson and Rev. Eric Davis.

Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Greer, South Carolina.

Visitation will be held 12:30 until 1:45 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary.

Memorials may be made at Harmony Fellowship Church, General Fund, Post Office Box 286, Greer, SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue  
Greer, SC 29650

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - October 31, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ *Judy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Praying that you find comfort in the wonderful memories of your years together. God Bless!*

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**Melanie Shaner** - November 23, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SS

“ *Judy and Family, Again, I am so sorry about Dalton's passing but do believe he's with his Saviour now. I will continue to pray for all of you.*  
*Sondra Smith*

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**Sondra Smith** - October 31, 2025 at 07:54 PM

CB

“ 6 files added to the album C.C.E.S. Maintenance Team



Cindy Blackburn - October 31, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JC

“ Judy and all the family, may God be with you all during this time.

J.C. Crenshaw - October 31, 2025 at 08:22 AM

SN

“ Stan and Melissa Nolt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks.



Stan and Melissa Nolt - October 30, 2025 at 05:51 PM

CT

“ Words cannot express how much you will be missed by your family, Dalton.



Cierra Townson - October 30, 2025 at 02:28 PM

CE

“ Cindy Allen and Greenville Epting purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks.



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**Cindy Allen and Greenville Epting** - October 30, 2025 at 11:45 AM

CS

“ Christ Church Episcopal School planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks.

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**Christ Church Episcopal School** - October 30, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks.



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October 30, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks.



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October 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Janet wilz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Dalton Wilbanks.



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**Jerry & Janet wilz** - October 29, 2025 at 02:28 PM

KL

“ I've known Dalton and Judy for many years. Dalton will be missed. He was a good friend. My condolences to the Wilbanks family.

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**Kathy Lark** - October 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM

CC

“ I haven't seen Dalton in a long time, but we grew up together. God bless this family in the sorrowful time. I pray Gods blessings upon this family.

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**Cathy Cudd** - October 29, 2025 at 09:43 AM

RW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Ronald I Wilbanks** - October 29, 2025 at 07:35 AM

JH

“ I grew up with Dalton and his family. I went to his moms store more times than I can remember. Praying for his family and friends. He will be missed.



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**Jo Ann Gosnell Howell** - October 29, 2025 at 12:53 AM

RW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Ronald I Wilbanks** - October 28, 2025 at 09:14 PM

FH

“ I have many good memories of Dalton. I remember when he was born and remember growing up with him. He was my mom's youngest brother and even though I am older than him, he was my uncle. He will be missed.  
Faye

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**Faye Hazelwood** - October 28, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CA

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Carrie - October 28, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CA

“ Dalton was a man of honor, faith, and love. He was the best father-in-law I could have asked for. His warmth and smile will be missed. May he rest in peace ❤️



Carrie - October 28, 2025 at 04:23 PM

MT

*Dalton was a true gentleman. Judy and family, we am so sorry for your loss. I am glad he is no longer in pain. Prayers for peace and comfort or all of you.*

*Martha and Bill Taylor*

Martha Taylor - October 28, 2025 at 04:52 PM

ES

*I got to know Dalton as a good neighbor. We enjoyed going to airshows together. Great guy. So sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed.*

Ed Sarkisian - October 29, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DH

*I had the pleasure of knowing Dalton through working with him on various projects while I was teaching at CCES. He was one of the most gentlemanly, humble and thoughtful persons I have ever met.*

*Dan Harris*

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**Dan Harris** - October 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM