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Joseph Edwards “Joe” Wilson, Jr., 89, passed away Saturday, November 5, 2022. He was born in Sherman, Texas on April 14, 1933, the only child of Joseph Edwards Wilson, Sr. and Edna Lucile Schleuse. In 1935, the family moved to San Antonio to find work, then returned to Sherman in 1938 to live at the Schleuse homestead farm. While living there, Joe attended first grade in 1939 at Lee Public School. His family moved to Gandy Street in Denison in 1940. While living there, he attended Central Ward School and Denison High School. As a child he had a paper route where subscribers often paid their monthly fee with a silver dollar, leaving his pockets weighted down on collection day. During the war, Joe's favorite uncle, Vivien G. Clark, was mortally wounded on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, which helped instill a character of service, duty and sacrifice within a young Joe. Times were tough and Joe's father had to find work in South Dakota, working there from 1946 to 1949, without the family, and leaving Joe's mother to raise him during his teenage years. In high school, he was an accomplished musician, playing the trumpet. "Phenomenal" and "Willow Echoes" were among his favorite solo pieces. He also played center, number 99, on the Denison Yellowjackets football team. He graduated in 1950.

As a young man, Joe worked in oil fields of West Texas and around the Red River area. He was often the "shooter", placing and detonating explosives in drilled holes to obtain data for geological analysis. He attended the Oklahoma Military Academy in 1951 and played his trumpet in a dance band while there. Though he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, he decided to transfer to the University of Texas at Austin in 1952. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1956. After graduation, he served active duty in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with a unit at The Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and then spent 8 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and was Honorably Discharged on November 19, 1964, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant.



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Joe hired on as a Structures Engineer with Texas Electronics and Manufacturing Company (TEMCO) in January 1957, working at the facilities in Grand Prairie and Garland, TX. While working at the Garland TEMCO plant, he met Nancy Caroline Vines, daughter of Carl Donald Vines and Virginia Morris, who was working as an Operations Research Engineer there. They married October 10, 1959, in Jackson, Mississippi, at Galloway Methodist Church. Starting out, they lived in a duplex in southeast Dallas. Their first son, Joseph Edwards (Ed) Wilson III was born November 14, 1960. After Ed was born, they moved to a new home in northwest Richardson, TX. Their second son, Carl, was born April 25, 1963, and then daughter Lisa, on July 12, 1965.

TEMCO became part of LTV and Joe's career relocated to Majors Field in Greenville, TX as LTV Electrosystems, later to become E-Systems and then Raytheon E-Systems. While

working, he earned a master's degree in Civil Engineering from SMU in 1964. When he was out of town on business, Nancy would attend his classes and take notes for him. Joe retired in 1998, ending a 41-year career in Aero Sciences, eventually leading the department in the development of complex modifications of large aircraft that served the U.S. military and heads of state. Some of Joe's best friends were those he spent working with over the decades.

Joe's children remember him as the epitome of a do it yourself-er. There was nothing that he could not build, repair or figure out. Using the abilities that created a successful career in aeronautical engineering, every home project included detailed study and drawings. Each project had high standards for materials and construction, a reflection of the high standards he set for himself for doing your best, in all you do. He was a very present father, spending time with his children, making things for them, swimming with them at the community pool, throwing the baseball and football, being at sporting events, active in Indian Guides, involving his children in his projects and teaching them how to repair cars, appliances, electronics and how to maintain a home. The family traveled to Mexico, Europe, backpacking trips to Arkansas and various camping and amusement trips. The environment he enjoyed the most was the outdoors, especially fishing. He fished in several Texas lakes and was drawn back to his hometown, purchasing a lake house right on the shoreline of Lake Texoma. He was in his element fishing there, the same lake where his father had served as reservoir manager, and that Joe had spent so much time at as a boy. In retirement, Joe and Nancy took numerous trips to places around the world. They eventually visited Omaha Beach on the coast of France and found Joe's uncle's name on a monument close by. Staying in a cabin on the Pine River in Colorado, where Joe would fly fish for trout, became a favorite trip for them both. Also in retirement, Joe completed an



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exhaustively detailed genealogical history of the family in America. His life of hard work and sound decisions allowed him to give very generously to numerous charitable organizations. His 6 grandchildren have all grown up and have given him 11 great-grandchildren. He cherished visits by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, encouraging them, praising them for their accomplishments, and teaching them important life rules that will continue to be handed down throughout the family. Joe was loved dearly by his family.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Sr. & Edna Lucile, and his son Joseph Edwards Wilson III. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, son Carl (Sarah) Vines Wilson and daughter Lisa (David) Caroline Wilson Burks, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army of Dallas or the nonprofit of your choice.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 2:00 pm in the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 S. Greenville, Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243.




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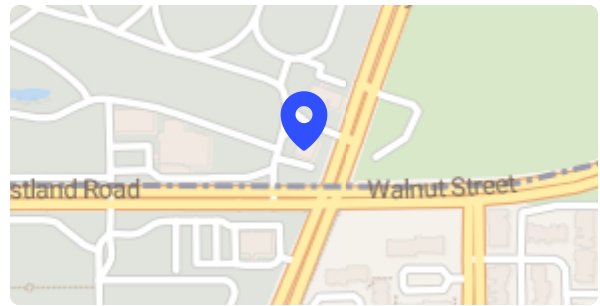
Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, November 16, 2022

 2:00 PM CT

 **The Wildwood Chapel at Restland Memorial Park**

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Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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