



Carroll L. Wilson

April 13, 1955 - May 21, 2026

Carroll Lee Wilson, 71, of Kankakee, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2026 at his home.

He was born April 13, 1955 in Eldorado the son of Charles Sr. and Freda (Boulds) Wilson. He was an environmental driller. On September 4, 2011 he married Cristy A. Johnson at the Manteno Sportsman's Club. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. Carroll loved riding his motorcycle and spending time outdoors. He took great pride in caring for his yard and was well known for being very particular about keeping it just right. There wasn't a stranger he didn't know. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Carroll is survived by his beloved wife, Cristy Wilson of Kankakee; son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Zulema "Coco" Wilson of Kankakee; stepchildren, Craig (Lauren) Steele of New Mexico and Kyle Steele of Harrisburg; grandchildren, Kiana Wilson and Sofia Perez, Oliva Harvey, Weston Harvey, Piper Steele, and Bailey Steele; siblings, Tammy (Ron) Carlon of Arizona, Brenda Mclain of Bradley, Dawn (Mike) King of Missouri, and Lisa Wilson of Ohio; in-laws, Kristy Wilson of Florida, Colleen Johnston of Bourbonnais, Kurt Johnson of Streator, Kevin Johnson of Tennessee, and Cheryl (Mike) Sharkey of Indiana; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Charles Jr, Darroll, Skip, and Scott Wilson; stepson, Chadd Steele; brothers-in-law, Ronald Mclain, Dennis Johnston, and Jake Johnson; nephews, Scott Mclain, Brian Wilson, and Christopher Wilson.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 3pm until the memorial service at 7pm at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home, Manteno. The family asks in honor of Carroll's favorite baseball team you kindly wear Chicago Cub's attire.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421-9309
(815) 423-9958

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I met him when i worked at Chatterbox then Carlos. I always loved visiting with him. He was a jokester, and a little bit of an asshole...but he was always one of my favorite people. RIP my friend

Debbie Morrison - June 04 at 05:24 PM

SO

“Carroll, known to us as Bubba, was our neighbor just two houses down. When Bubba and Cristy moved in, Scott and I were busy raising our six children. We would wave to him as we drove by because he was always outside tending to his lawn.

One day, our youngest daughter, Elena, asked if she and her best friend, Andi, could help the neighbors with their grandchildren. That was when I finally went down and introduced myself to Bubba and Cristy. Over the years, Elena and Andi became Bubba and Cristy's little helpers, and our families grew close.

Whenever one of our families went on vacation, we would help each other by collecting mail and watching over pools. Bubba could clear up our pool with no problem at all.

We celebrated a few Fourth of Julys together with the Wilsons, and one year Bubba even deck himself out in red, white, and blue while lighting fireworks. He was quite the character. Bubba was ornery in the best way and would always jokingly tell me to “go home” because I only came around when I needed something.

Scott, our family, and I will deeply miss Bubba and the wonderful neighbor he was. We are grateful for the memories, laughter, and kindness he shared with all of us.

Rest easy, Bubba. We promise to always help Cristy and be there for her.

With love,
Sheryl, Scott, and Family ❤️



Sheryl Orr - June 04 at 01:03 AM

JA

“ Jamerson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carroll L. Wilson.



Jamerson - June 02 at 06:19 PM

DM

“ My family knew Carroll as “Bubba”, he was a great neighbour. He would give you “the shirt off his back “. “Bubba” kept us laughing, always made himself “at home”, even if we had family or company over, didn’t make a difference. We are going to really miss you, “Bubba” with the big heart.



Donald and Linda Myart - June 01 at 07:41 PM



“ Veteran Memorial Wooden Flag - Army was purchased for the family of Carroll L. Wilson.



May 30 at 12:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carroll L. Wilson.

May 30 at 12:08 AM

DC

“ *DeLaina Caise lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson*



DeLaina Caise - May 27 at 01:55 PM

JR

“ *John & Teresa Rademacher lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson*



John & Teresa Rademacher - May 26 at 07:53 PM

CR

“ *Cindi & Denny Reddish lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson*



Cindi & Denny Reddish - May 26 at 06:38 PM

CI

Our deepest condolences to Carroll's family.

Cindi - May 26 at 06:43 PM

CS

“ Very sorry for your loss mom. Carrol was a good man and I'm glad that the 2 of you had each other. I wish we would have gotten another visit in. I wish the girls would have gotten to know him a little more they really loved how silly he was with them. We're here for u though mom. RIP Carrol we love you and will miss you

Craig Steele - May 26 at 11:39 AM

SF

“ Steve and Cindy Odom and Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Carroll L. Wilson.



Steve and Cindy Odom and Family - May 26 at 08:18 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Carroll L. Wilson



MR MRS - May 26 at 08:01 AM

VH

“ Vickie Hammond lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson



Vickie Hammond - May 26 at 06:31 AM

LO

“ Peter and I moved to Grace St. in Sept. 2018 when Carroll introduced himself as Bubba and it was many months before we knew his real name. Bubba was so much more than a neighbor to us. He was Peter's best friend until Peter passed away and he has watched out for me every since. I'm so sad.

Lorrie O'Connor - May 25 at 09:41 PM

PJ

So sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers to all your family.
Sincerely,
Pam Johnson

Pam Johnson - May 25 at 09:57 PM

PS

“ Pam Tibbs Schwerin lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson



pam Tibbs schwerin - May 25 at 08:25 PM

SN

“ Carrol was the best brother in law anyone could have. He was Karis favorite uncle he spent alot of time with her. He babysit all the kids loved him. Then he left Calif we talk here and there on the phone thru the years. After he went back to I'll he settled down. He had sowed his oats party alot then found someone to settled down with. We all going to miss him, Joey, karla, Dodi and Kari

Sharon Wilson Napier - May 25 at 07:44 PM

MF

“ Mike Favors lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson



Mike Favors - May 25 at 03:55 PM

RH

“ Renee Hoots lit a candle in memory of Carroll L. Wilson



Renee Hoots - May 25 at 03:51 PM