



## Norman Leigh Wilmore

March 11, 1924 - August 31, 2013

Norman Leigh Wilmore, 89, of Charlotte, died Saturday, August 31, 2013. Norman was born at home on March 11, 1924, the son of Clifford Cleland and Gladys Rix (Davis) Wilmore. He graduated in the Charlotte High School Class of 1941 and farmed a short time until serving during WWII in one of the last mounted cavalry divisions. He served a second tour in the army of occupation in Japan. Upon his return, he married the love of his life, Joan Kerstetter, and they raised five children. Norman was a busy man, working 30 years full time at Motor Wheel, while also farming his own 120 acres on Shaytown Road. His real passion was farming, in which he and Joan excelled in raising registered Holsteins and Belgians. In fact, they home bred the first cow to be classified as Excellent in Eaton County. Norman also loved sports, playing fast-pitch softball and baseball. He was a lifelong Detroit Tigers and MSU Spartan fan. Norman was a devoted member of the Gresham United Methodist Church. Above all, Norman loved his family. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joan Wilmore; daughters, Connie (Chuck) Corbin, Karen Scott and Chuck O'Connell, Pam (Fred) Todd; son, Kirby (Kate) Wilmore; son-in-law Jim Watson; 9 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren; siblings, Marilyn Sullivan, Clare (Joyce) Wilmore, Gary Wilmore. He was predeceased by his daughter, Vicki Watson and grandson, Chad Gingrich. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Bryce Feighner officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will take place in Gresham Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gresham United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Norman Leigh Wilmore*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Just wanted to let you know that your in my thoughts and prayers. Each day is a gift of God's perfect peace and presence! May the Lord bless you and keep you. Daniel*

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**Daniel Rosenberger** - August 24, 2014 at 08:13 PM

DR

“ *I am sorry to hear of Normans passing,I always enjoyed his wide smile,his laugh and his stories,he is greatly missed. May the Lord Bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.*

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**daniel rosenberger** - September 14, 2013 at 09:21 PM

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**daniel rosenberger** - September 14, 2013 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ *Karen,so sorry to hear about your father. Just heard the news from Delta. Take care, Your Friend Diane*

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**Diane Huntley Hall** - September 11, 2013 at 06:56 AM

TP

“ I recently learned of Norm's passing. I am sad that I hadn't had an opportunity to pay my last respects. I had a fond memory of Norm picking me up with the sleigh and team as a young girl to take me for a ride. From time to time I would go with my Dad to visit Norm and take him fresh caught fish. It meant the world to me when he stood and told a story of my Dad at my Dad's funeral. A GREAT MAN!

TINA (TOWE) POTTER - September 07, 2013 at 02:11 PM

MO

“ Dear Karen and Family - I was saddened to hear of the loss of your loved one. Please know my prayers are with you during this most difficult time and may the memories you shared forever be with you.

Maureen Wyble Orman - September 04, 2013 at 07:33 PM

NH

“ I remember when my sons and I lived in Sunfield and it was Christmas time. Norman came by and gave me money to buy a Christmas tree for my sons. I never forgot that. He was a giving person.

Nancy Satterlee Herzel - September 03, 2013 at 04:36 PM

KB

“ Karen, My condolences for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Kim Badder - September 03, 2013 at 03:09 PM

JK

“ Norm, you were always kind and friendly. Though we are saddened because you have left us, you are now at peace and in the presence of God; and that should be a joyous encouragement to us all.



John M Marsh & Kids - September 03, 2013 at 01:31 PM

KI

“ Our condolences go out to the Willmore family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time! Love, Brian & Kim Gibson

Kim - September 03, 2013 at 12:00 PM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. God Bless!

Tom and Debbie Shereda - September 03, 2013 at 11:52 AM

D(

“ I am sorry for your loss. I remember Norman from many years back having visited with Pam at her home during childhood. He lived a fulfilled life and with such a loving family. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. And Pam, if you do read this I have been trying to reach you for years and don't have a contact number anymore. I been searching and googling for a long long time. Please contact me 702-281-1783, would love to catch up with you. Stay strong as the woman I remember you to be.

Debra Welch (Denney) - September 02, 2013 at 07:51 PM

MW

“ Dear AuntJoan, Connie,Karen,Pam,Kirby Saddened by the news that your beloved husband,father and grandfather has passed away. I will always be honored to say that Cleland was my father, and Norman was my uncle..he was a true testament to that era of hardworking, God fearing, patriotic, lover of the land, and most importantly, a true family man...willing to make the sacrifice to do whatever he could for his wife and children. You must be so proud of the legacy he leaves. All my love, Michelle

michelle wilmore - September 02, 2013 at 06:19 PM

GW

“ I am saddened to hear that Norman passed away. He was loved and admired by Cleland and myself. You couldn't find a more hardworking, decent person than Norman. I wish I was able to be there to say my goodbyes. I will be thinking about Joan and her lovely children. I am so sorry.

Genie Wilmore - September 02, 2013 at 04:10 PM

TW

“ Having a fond and positive memory of someone is something we would all hope to leave behind. Uncle Norm achieved that and more. I will always remember him for his understanding and kindness, but not only for how he treated me but for the wife and children in whom we can continue to see his goodness.

Todd Wilmore - September 02, 2013 at 02:44 PM

KT

“ Gary Wilmore, So sorry to hear about your brother. He was a very nice man.

KimberLee Freed Torkko - September 02, 2013 at 10:30 AM

JW

“ My Uncle Norm was always kind and respectful to me, with a smile on his face and a little poke of fun to let you know he liked ya. I have always been fond of Uncle Norm, I've thought about him often over the years since moving from Michigan. Although I didn't get to spend nearly as much time as I would have liked, the times I did get to spend with him I have never forgotten. He holds a special place in my memories, memories that will last my life time. I will miss you Uncle Norm, thanks for being such a good man, a role model, an honorable and respectable uncle to me. - Jimmy

Jim Wilmore - September 01, 2013 at 08:36 PM

J(

“ Gospel song "Long Long Journey" "It's been a long long journey, lord but now I don't mind for Heaven will soon be mine" ~ Amen

Jeffrey E Wilmore (Nephew) - September 01, 2013 at 08:00 PM

CW

“ Dear Aunt Joan and Dearest Cousins, We all know this path of life ends for each of us, in its own way. Norman certainly understood that, having grieved so many personal losses. Still, all this knowing rarely makes it easier. I remember him taking me to a room with a wall and shelf of photographs of all those he had loved and lost. He spoke about everyone with sadness yes, but with joy as well, for who they were and what they meant to him. I know you all will have your own ways of feeling this loss, and your own ways of celebrating his long, amazing life, as well. Love to everyone. See you soon. Candy

Candice Wilmore - September 01, 2013 at 07:26 PM

LW

“ Jeff and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Norm. Prayers for Aunt Joan and for the rest of the family. Lyn

Lyn Wilmore - September 01, 2013 at 06:43 PM