

Daniel Lonnie Wilson

December 5, 1939 - December 31, 2024



Daniel Lonnie Wilson escaped to heaven on December 31, 2024. He was born to Nan Mervine (Thurston) and Herman Lincoln Wilson on December 5th, 1939, in Albany, Oregon. Growing up in nearby Jefferson, he had paper routes, played football, basketball, and track, graduating in 1958. Dan loved people and spent his entire life finding new friends and looking for ways to help folks along their spiritual journeys.

After high school, Dan went to Northwest Christian College where he got a degree that allowed him to become a pastor, and the University of Oregon where he got a master's degree in teaching. In Eugene he also met Pat Burghart who became his wife and life partner, marrying her in June of 1964. Their early years were filled with travel and transitions as they took pastoral and teaching jobs in Kentucky, North Carolina, Washington, Alberta, Canada, and finally settled in Scio, Oregon, where their children, Scott, Greg, and Rachelle spent most of their school years. Dan was a devoted father and never missed his kids' sporting and school events.

Dan's Christian faith was the foundation of his life and his work. In the latter half of his professional life Dan became a hospital and hospice chaplain where he found joy in helping people through challenging life circumstances. Dan took chaplain jobs in Portland, Roseburg, and Albany where he spent the last decade of his career. Dan was particularly skilled at connecting with people and learning their needs and life stories, helping people to know they and their loved ones truly mattered. He valued his life-long connections to his classmates in Jefferson and kept in touch with his extended family and people he had met in the variety of places he lived, creating quite a collection of Christmas cards every year.

His latter years were not easy as he slowly slipped away, and dementia eroded the person he used to be. Pat valiantly kept him home for more years than was probably wise for her and in the last few years of his life, she visited him and played Chinese checkers with him at least weekly. His family is thankful for the loving care he received at Timberwood Court in Albany and Maple Valley in McMinnville where staff do excruciatingly difficult jobs.

Dan is survived by his wife Pat; his children: Scott (Glynis Jones), Greg (Becky), and Rachelle (Tom)Butler; seven grandchildren: Emily (Erich), Kinsey (Mateo), Jonathan (Elizabeth), Lydia, Daniel (Tatiana), Josiah, and Brendan; and one great-grandchild: Eleanor. He also leaves behind siblings: Anne Warden, Nancy McEwen, King Wilson, and Susan Oakes.

In Loving Memory

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Funeral Service
Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM
Scio Christian Church
Scio, Oregon

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth –
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

In Loving Memory of *Daniel Lonnie Wilson*

Welcome & Prayer
Pastor Mike Owens

Scripture Reading
Pastor Leon Rothauge

Special Music
"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Sharing of Eulogy
Chuck Altig

Congregational Songs
"Jesus Shall Reign"
"And Can It Be That I should Gain"

Video Presentation

Special Music
"No Night There"

Open Time of Sharing

Congregational Song
"He's Everything to Me"

Perspective
Pastor Leon Rothauge

Congregational Song
"Pass It On"

Closing Thoughts & Prayer
Pastor Leon Rothauge

Musicians
Norma & Norm Hedlund

Casket Bearers	Grandsons
Scott Wilson	Mateo Insajorda
Greg Wilson	Jon Wilson
Tom Butler	Josiah Butler
Bob Wright	Erich VanBergen
Wayne Tonack	Dan Wilson
Bob Dunn	Brendan Butler