



## David E. Wilson

May 27, 1929 - October 14, 2019

David E. Wilson, Ph.D.  
Of Pineville, N.C.

Dr. Wilson, 90, passed away on October 14, 2019 at Atrium Health- Pineville.

David was born on May 27, 1929, the only child of the late Everett and Dorothy Lott Wilson in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He was preceded in death by his first wife Nina Hughes Wilson.

David grew up during the Depression in western Massachusetts, Connecticut, and upstate New York along the Hudson River valley. It was a simpler time, when play meant going out into the woods. An avid bird watcher all his life, he loved nature and camping and was very active in the Boy Scouts ultimately reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

As a young man, he worked with his father on the family dairy farm in Craryville, New York, and when his father developed arthritis and could no longer tend to the farm, they moved to Riviera Beach, Florida, where David worked as a landscaper for some years before deciding to attend college.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and then further pursued his interest in biology at UCLA where he earned a Ph.D. in protozoology. After graduation, Dr. Wilson was a biology professor at Central College in Pella, Iowa until he retired from full-time teaching. As a professor, he was very interested in the mysterious world where science explores the nature of consciousness, and that interest led him to a study of meditation and spirituality. In retirement, he continued lifelong friendships with his students and spent much time gardening.

David is survived by his beloved wife of forty years, Linda Wilson; children Everett Wilson (Anke Perkert) and Lynn Margotta (Matthew) and his beloved dogs, Ivy and River.

He wished that his services be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Nature Conservancy.

Heritage Funeral Home, Ballantyne Chapel is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.heritagecares.com](http://www.heritagecares.com)

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**linda28134** - November 24, 2019 at 02:46 PM

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**Linda** - November 06, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ Dave at Snowater.

**Linda** - November 06, 2019 at 09:33 PM

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Linda Wilson - October 21, 2019 at 10:54 PM

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Marvin Eash - October 21, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ Rest in Peace my friend

Marvin Eash - October 21, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ Dave in context, always surrounded by nature.

Linda Wilson - October 21, 2019 at 01:49 PM

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“ Janice lit a candle in memory of David E. Wilson



Janice - October 21, 2019 at 03:25 AM

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“ I remember answering the phone once and Dave started telling me all these things (I didn't have any idea what he was talking about); when there was a pause I said "this isn't Linda". We both had a chuckle. I will always remember how kind Dave was and that he always gave me a hug.

Janice - October 21, 2019 at 03:24 AM

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Linda - October 20, 2019 at 10:12 PM

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“ Ivy and River are sad, missing Dave.



Linda - October 20, 2019 at 10:03 PM

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“ So many memories from all the years Dave has been a part of our family. One I related talking to Linda on the phone the other day about moving that huge freezer from Pella to Eddyville and getting it down in the basement, so many years ago. Just life I guess is what I remember about Dave.....always there...never wavering.....always there to help however he could. A better brother-in-law I could not imagine. I have missed Dave and Linda so much since they moved out east. Dave is now with Mom and Butch....Grandma and Grandpa.....everyone who has gone before. Watching over us all.  
Such a full journey Dave...enjoy your rest and peace.

**Ron Canaday** - October 20, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Beautiful. Thank you.

**linda28134** - October 20, 2019 at 11:39 AM

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“ Ron Canaday lit a candle in memory of David E. Wilson



**Ron Canaday** - October 20, 2019 at 10:31 AM

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“ I think Dave and Sparks, our sweet dog who passed the same time as Dave, must have met on their way to heaven. May they play and hike and share their wonderful spirit forever on!



**Anke Perkert** - October 19, 2019 at 09:36 AM

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“ Anke Perkert lit a candle in memory of David E. Wilson



Anke Perkert - October 19, 2019 at 09:31 AM

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Linda Wilson - October 17, 2019 at 11:07 PM

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“ Here is an introspective segment from Dave's writings that illustrates his amazing range of thought and sensitivity. We were vacationing at our favorite spot in Washington.  
Linda Wilson.

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### On Listening at Snowater

I sit in a restored log house with a view thru a paned picture window looking at a panoply of hemlock and fir branches toward our time-share condominium which is invisible to me here. The house has been wondrously preserved by the association (Snowater Resort). It is so solid that the gentle roar & babble of the Nooksack River is very effectively shut out. I am left alone here on the third floor with only the silence of the cabin to tell me of the many happenings of days gone by.

Old buildings are like that you know – they have tales to tell if people are only willing to listen. Our church back home in Iowa is like that – I remember well my vigil there in April, 2001 where I sat and listened from 12:30 AM until 4:00 AM. I heard the ghosts of several of the folks who had gone on, but took the time from their work to share and commune with me. Nameless but beautiful people who had worked and prayed so well who wanted to let me know that I and our present congregation were still loved and cared for – that STJUMC was still in God's hands – that we had only to seek, to knock, to ask and we, too, would receive the keys to the Kingdom.

I am going to lay down my pen for period of listening to hear better the voices from this cabin, lest I pass on without ever hearing their messages.

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The folks here do not wish to be hurried into a conversation – I hear only a few creaks and some chimney noises. There is of course the muted hum of the Nooksack about 50 ft. outside the door so I will once again take pen in hand and record my own thoughts.

Yesterday was such a gorgeously emotional day. We went on a whale-watching voyage. We embarked from the Marina in Bellingham around 10 AM and sailed north for 4 hours. We finally found pods J & K just north of the Frazier River in Canadian waters. I simply couldn't keep from choking up emotionally as we watched these magnificent animals (Orca sp.) going about their work as they have for millennia – and we were privileged to watch. We had to travel about 95 miles by boat, but it was worth the time and the chill from the cold (50o) wind over the water. I was very thankful that we had on windproof jackets with a hood and cotton gloves. These on June 17th. Couple these magnificent moments with sightings of nesting bald eagles, sunning harbor seals and harbor porpoises and the day was the greatest Father's Day present I could imagine, especially so in the presence of my beautiful wife and my son.

Well, I have not experienced any direct communication from my newfound cabin spirits, but I still sense their presence. I will return on other days this week, but right

now I will return to the brilliant sunshiny day and listen to what the woods and the Nooksack have to say.

David E. Wilson  
6/18/2001

**Linda Wilson** - October 17, 2019 at 10:36 PM

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“ Dave was the best neighbor I ever had, always kind and helpful. He will be much missed.

**Kay Rozeboom** - October 17, 2019 at 06:22 PM

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**Everett Wilson** - October 17, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ Dave in the lab, working on his Ph.D. At UCLA.

**Linda** - October 21, 2019 at 10:36 PM

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“ David was a wonderful teacher and mentor and significantly influenced my decision to pursue psychophysiology as a discipline. He taught me the benefits of transcendental meditation as a means to clear the mind and retain focus in what has become an increasingly chaotic world. Dave was a true believer in a person's unlimited potential, and he often talked about how he was going to spend the second hundred years of his life. Therefore it came as no surprise when thirteen years ago in 2006 he set the national deadlift championship record for his age group (mid 70's) by wryly lifting  $\pi \times 100$  (314.16 pounds). Although his physical body finally quit prematurely (by his standards), I have no doubt that Dave is out there busily exploring this wild and wonderful universe right now; his eyes wide open in perpetual amazement, his terrible puns amusing the heavenly host. Good fortune and following seas, fair traveler. Bill K.

**Bill Kearns** - October 17, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ Bill, you are so very kind, and a kindred spirit for so many years for Dave. He treasured your friendship.

**Linda** - October 19, 2019 at 08:39 PM

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“ Lynn Margotta lit a candle in memory of David E. Wilson



**Lynn Margotta** - October 17, 2019 at 03:52 PM

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“ George and I are so very sorry to hear of David's passing, Linda. Condolences to your entire family.  
Joyce Ackermann.

**Joyce Ackermann** - October 17, 2019 at 03:51 PM

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Linda Wilson - October 17, 2019 at 03:30 PM

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“ Linda Wilson lit a candle in memory of David E. Wilson



Linda Wilson - October 17, 2019 at 03:29 PM

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“ Candace-Ballantyne Chapel lit a candle in memory of David E. Wilson



Candace-Ballantyne Chapel - October 17, 2019 at 03:12 PM