



James Dale "Jim" Wilbur

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James Dale "Jim" Wilbur, 77, of Dresden, Ohio died Sunday evening July 13, 2014 at Genesis Morrison House in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born July 21, 1936 in Hamden, Ohio he was a son of the late Arnold and Minnie (Leitch) Wilbur.

Jim was a master bricklayer and a member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Union. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening and many people benefitted from his love of calling Western Square Dances and Contra Prompting.

Surviving is his devoted wife of 35 years, Laura F. (Eschman) Wilbur, whom he married July 4, 1979; his sons, Jeffery (Kim) Wilbur of Nashport and Jerry Wilbur of Dresden; a granddaughter, Amanda; a grandson Marcus Wilbur; step daughters, Tami Longaberger and Rachel Stukey; three sisters, Marjorie Waugh, Elizabeth Wolfe and Virginia Ann Mosaic; two brothers, Vance Wilbur and Robert Wilbur and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Guy and Kenneth Wilbur and a very dear friend and fellow bricklayer, Jerry (Glenna) Pfeifer. Private arrangements will be made by the family at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dresden Volunteer Fire Department, Post Office Box 687, Dresden, Ohio 43821 or to Genesis Hospice, 713 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.



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SM

Stephen Mercer posted:

Laura: I was so saddened to read about your loss. Stephen Mercer

June 24 at 2:33 AM

MT

Mildred Teisinger posted:

Laura and family, So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We remember him as being the "best" square dance caller. Many good times are remembered. Mildred Teisinger

July 18 at 3:24 AM

RS

Reta (Wilbur) Scheeler posted:

We were sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

July 17 at 3:24 PM

RC

Rex And Paula Cullins posted:

To the Wilbur Family I am sorry to hear about your loss and you have our sympathy and prayers. He will be very dearly missed. It won't be the same without him around.

July 17 at 2:12 PM



Anonymous posted:

Bill & I always enjoyed dancing to Jim Wilbur, A wonderful person who will be missed, our sympathy goes out to his wife and family. May God bless you during this time. Bill & Judy Podolski

July 17 at 11:27 AM

LM

Linda Miller posted:

Dear Laura and family, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was so kind and generous. We enjoyed every conversation and always came away learning something new! The many things he made are some of our most treasured items. How blessed you both were with each other. Our prayers are with you. Love, Linda and Samantha

July 17 at 5:19 AM



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CV

Craig Vickers posted:

I would like to send my deepest sympathy to the entire Wilbur family. Jim always treated my family and I with the upmost caring and respect. Jim will be greatly missed by myself as well as all those who have had the pleasure of knowing him.

July 17 at 4:00 AM

GC

George Colbert posted:

spent many happy evenings dancing to his calling western squares. rest in peace heaven has another square dance caller George & mary Colbert, col's oh friendly ties

July 17 at 1:49 AM

SC

Sandy & Terry Cullins posted:

Was saddened to hear of your loss. Jim will be remembered by many. Praying you find comfort.

July 16 at 6:34 PM

DE

Dianna (Untied) Ellis posted:

Please accept my condolences in this time of sorrow ... Laura my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family ... He was my big Jim Wilber ... And enjoyed many years of you and him at THE OLIVE GARDEN my heart is sadden and will miss him ... May you have comfort in this time of sorrow....

July 16 at 5:58 PM

PF

Pam & Harold Fergus posted:

Laura - we were so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Years ago in the late 70s a young woman named Pam Cooper decided she wanted to be a square dance caller and Jim embraced me and invited me to many dances to call. Because of the opportunities he gave me early on I enjoyed many years of calling especially in eastern and southern Ohio. we shared lots of Mic time at numerous camp outs and lots of fun and laughter over the years. I was grateful for the friendship that you and he shared with me. I am blessed to be back into calling and dancing after many years away and will always remember fondly those fun times so long ago. God bless you and your family.

July 16 at 4:58 PM



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SW

Steve & Nancy Wilbur posted:

Laura and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Cousin Jim was one of a kind and will certainly be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

July 16 at 10:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

Laura, We are certainly saddened to learn of Jim's passing. We sure had a lot of good times and now memories of dancing/camping with him and you. We hope you can find comfort in your faith, family and memories. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary & Bill Ross

July 16 at 10:06 AM

BC

Bobbi & Paul Carter posted:

Dear Laura, We were sorry to learn of Jim's death. He is one of the most memorable persons of our life. He gave us so many happy hours when we he called dances for us. Jim was such a good man and someone we will remember with pride. He will be greatly missed and we will always treasure our many times with him. May God comfort you and give you peace at this difficult time. With love, Paul and Bobbi Carter, Pickerington, Ohio

July 16 at 6:51 AM

NH

Nancy And Mike Hoffer posted:

Laura, We thank God for all the good times we had through the years with you and Jim, camping, square dancing, sharing stories, Mike helping Jim and Jerry, and all those fun times. I'm sure there's a square dance going on in heaven right now. May God give you peace and comfort . Mike and Nancy Hoffer We love you and send our prayers.

July 16 at 3:52 AM

BB

Bob & Lois (Pritchard) Beers posted:

Laura Kay, So sorry to read of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

July 16 at 3:36 AM



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MS

Marge Storts posted:

Laura & family Jim was the greastest I think of yous all the time may God be with you and your family

July 16 at 3:29 AM

KC

Karen Crawford posted:

Jeff, Kim, and Wilbur family, I am so very sorry for your loss. It's never easy to lose a parent. I pray memories from happier yesterdays sustain you through this difficult time.

July 16 at 2:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our sympathy to all. We so enjoyed our time square dancing with Jim in the 70's and early 80's. Jim and Patty Boyd

July 16 at 1:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all. Mary Mumford

July 15 at 11:36 PM

SM

Shirley Montgomery posted:

Laura, I was so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Jim and I learned so many square dances from him, and danced many enjoyable hours under his calling. I pray comfort and peace for you and your family, and all those who loved him. Shirley Montgomery

July 15 at 6:34 PM

CF

Cherie Fisher posted:

Laura, Thinking of you. So sorry for your loss.

July 15 at 4:20 PM



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MS

Mary Anne Sheffield posted:

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a kind soul and I always admired his wisdom on many things. Thoughts are with you Laura Kay.

July 15 at 12:16 PM

RW

Rex And Mary Wisecarver posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

July 15 at 12:13 PM

CM

Cindy Mohler posted:

Jim will sadly be missed. He was so great taking Shawna under his wing, teaching and buying her harmonicas. She liked being in the woodshop also, cleaning and seeing the different projects he took pride in.

July 15 at 7:45 AM

BE

Belita posted:

Laura, I am sorry for your loss.

July 15 at 6:27 AM

TP

Tom & Debbie Prince posted:

WE'RE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF JIM. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO LAURA KAY AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

July 15 at 5:57 AM

ST

Stanley & Robin Tackett posted:

Our sincere condolences to the family.

July 15 at 4:54 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Laura, I am so sorry to learn of Jim's death. He will be remembered for his many years of calling square dances and Contra prompting, but more so for his friendly personality and warm smile. May memories of happy times with him bring you comfort and peace. Thoughts and Prayers, Gail (Blaskis) Miller

July 15 at 4:52 AM



Marilyn Soter posted:

Dear Laura, i am so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort at this tine.

July 15 at 4:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

Laura,Thinking of you so very sorry. Sandy Boedeker

July 15 at 3:48 AM



Anonymous posted:

Laura,Jeff & Jerry,I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a dear sweet man. He will always remain my "Uncle Jim". I have so many fond memories of my childhood that include him.Love,Brenda Wheeler

July 15 at 2:22 AM



Cindy Bradford posted:

Laura and Family: I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. His kind spirit and generosity touched me in a very special way. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Cindy Bradford

July 14 at 8:37 PM



D.J. Hittle posted:

My sincere condolences! So sorry for your loss!

July 14 at 5:54 PM



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Carol Ogle posted:

Laura, Thoughts & prayers for you and your family.

July 14 at 4:59 PM



Dave & Cheryl Untied posted:

Jim was a great guy and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

July 14 at 4:12 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss.Linda Cartwright Varner

July 14 at 3:12 PM



Amanda Lane posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. When you left me a big piece of my heart is with you. I'll sure miss the jokes and the tricks you showed me. And talks we had in your wood shop to me you are family and I've been blessed with the years you have given me. I'll miss the most is the Garden time we spent making sure it was how you wanted it. Love you Jim

July 14 at 1:43 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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