



## James David Wilson

August 25, 1950 - March 7, 2015

James David Wilson, born August 25, 1950 to Ernest and Billie Wilson in Waxahachie, Texas passed away on March 7, 2015 after an intense battle of metastatic liver cancer. David leaves behind wife Kerstin Wilson; parents Billie and Ernest Wilson of Denison, Texas; three children Aaron Wilson, Joseph Wilson and his wife Melissa and James Micah Wilson all of Broken Arrow, OK. and their mother Sue Wilson; step-children Leif West of Catoosa, OK; Inger Lieber and her husband Jeff of N. Salt Lake City; and Angela Carter and her husband David of Layton, Utah. "G Pa" will also be missed by his seven grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. David has worked as an RN and nurse educator for over 35 years and was currently employed by St. Francis Health Services in the Children's Day Hospital as the coordinator for Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). David has been co-editor of several pediatric nursing books. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Children's Hospital at St. Francis in Tulsa. There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Arrow Heights Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, OK. Friends and family are invited to stay for a reception following the service.

# Comments

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“ David was my dear younger cousin. His family lived for many years in Brazil and we always were elated when they could be in town to visit for a little while. David had a sweetness and kindness in his spirit that is a rare treasure. We will meet again. Rest in peace and God Bless your family. — Kay Franklin Thomas

**Kay Franklin Thomas** - October 06, 2015 at 05:28 PM

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“ David was a colleague, friend, mentor, encourager, and generous giver. Having known David and recognized his gifts for education and mentoring nursing students, nurses, and other health care professionals, I watched him impart his knowledge and expertise in the many educational activities that he performed. As an author, educator, and colleague, he stands out as a person of excellence and integrity. As a friend and colleague, he was a stable, humorous, welcoming coordinator for PALS.....it was always a pleasure to work with David. He will be very, very missed. And his legacies will be ongoing, and appreciated. My condolences to Kiersten and the fami

**Debi Lammert** - March 31, 2015 at 09:25 AM

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“ Thank you Lynn! What a beautiful tribute!

**Kerstin West-Wilson** - March 19, 2015 at 07:56 PM

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“ Kerstin,Aaron ,Micah Joseph and all of your families it's hard to write just one memory but I'm gonna try to share just how much your husband,dad,FIL ,G-pa and son meant to me.ive known David since early 1980s mostly our memories are from SFH working in NBN and in EOPC occasionally! He was a joy always had a huge smile , great team worker, we were both RNs but he taught me much.specifically interpreting lab values and what conditions to look for with abnormal lab values in my early nursing career,he was an encourager,when things were out of my comfort zone , he was there to affirm you that you'll do fine ! Got to work with him and his nursing students from ORU and Langston and he was one outstanding nursing instructor you could tell when they walked in the door they were confident prepared students and I know David had a lot to do with that. Not only professionally but David and Kerstin are members of our church and they were always faithfully there ,he believed in the power of prayer. What a testimony he left too many even while battling this horrible Cancer he came faithfully as long as his body allowed him to stand and worship his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Yes I know without any doubt he is with Jesus today healed whole and at peace! I'll miss David as I know each of you do but I know I'll see him again thanks for the opportunity to share of a life that was touched by your loved one! Continued prayers for each of you in the days ahead. With love Jacki Yager

**Jacki Yager** - March 17, 2015 at 03:46 PM

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“ David always made me feel a part of the PALS family although I came from Enid and only taught a few classes a year. He will be missed. My condolences to Kiersten and the rest of the family. Nell Bryant -Pitts, MD.

**Nell Bryant-Pitts, MD.** - March 14, 2015 at 01:20 PM

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“ David was a wonderful teacher and shared his knowledge of the nursing care of children with his teaching and books. His memory will last for a long long time. Enjoy heaven David.

**Sheila K. Larson** - March 14, 2015 at 12:08 PM

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“ I remember Pediatric Nurse Consultants meetings at Donna Wong’s house and learning of David’s skilled work in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I have observed his steady, masterful work with the worldwide most used pediatric nursing textbook, Nursing Care of Infants and Children. I know that his teaching of BSN students at several universities brought some toward the care of children. His influence on students was evident in their skill acquisition and knowledge growth during the semester of his tutelage. Students listened to his near encyclopedic yet down to earth lectures, took his challenging examinations, and received mentorship during clinical experiences. David was a master in both clinical practice (the care of neonates, children, and teens) and as a skilled professor. David’s board service on the Wong-Baker FACES foundation has advanced the use of this facial recognition pain assessment scale. Many will identify this scale as it is used worldwide in hospitals, clinics, schools, and for research in the work to improve care of those in pain. I served with David on the board and he was valued for his depth of contribution. Now, with students at the Children’s Hospital at Saint Francis, I am reminded of David’s influence on every unit. I regularly point students to the Wilson & Hockenberry text, Clinical Manual of Pediatric Nursing because the content is some of the most applicable for their equipping to give care to children with their families. David will be long missed for his warm and friendly demeanor, his standard-setting expertise, mentorship, and contribution to the world of pediatric nursing care. He was beloved. David is now, “away from the body and at home with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8b). Thank you, David, for your impartations. Lynn Clutter

**Lynn Clutter** - March 13, 2015 at 07:44 PM

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“ David contributed a lot of expertise to our award-winning textbook. He will be sorely missed. Shannon Perry

**Shannon Perry** - March 13, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ I was privileged to have met and worked with David many years ago for many years. David was a wonderful role model and was always willing to help everyone he met. David was faithful to the Lord and to his calling in every aspect of his professional life. He spoke often of his family and he made life easier by lightening the load for everyone else. I will never teach a PALS course without thinking about David. He was dedicated to education and sharing his knowledge related to the pediatric population in all health care settings and circumstances. David will definitely be missed by all of us.

**Barbara Hannah** - March 12, 2015 at 08:45 PM

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“ David was a great colleague, friend, mentor, educator. His realism, sense of humor, and knowledge base.....plus his quiet dignity and strength during his cancer treatments.....were such a blessing to all in his path. I will really, really miss David! Condolences to Kiersten and the rest of the family.

**Deborah Lammert** - March 12, 2015 at 07:56 PM

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“ Aaron, This is Toi Luu, from City IT department. Just want to reach out and say " we are sorry for your loss. We are thinking about you and sending you and your family our condolences."Take care!

**toi luu** - March 12, 2015 at 11:52 AM

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“ Wow! All the comments warm my heart to see how many lives David touched in recent years. I knew David many years ago – we grew up together in Brazil. As part of the missionary family, we were "cousins". He was always fun to be around, and a true gentleman. Years later, we were privileged to work with his brother, Mike, in Brazil. We are praying for Uncle Ernest, Aunt Billie, and all the family. Even though we have never met his wife and sons, I know he was very proud of them. We pray God will comfort your hearts with all the sweet memories of your time together. Sending love and praying for all of you.

**Alana Ichter Greenwich** - March 11, 2015 at 03:09 PM

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“ Our family will miss seeing Dave almost daily. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He always had a smile and kind words as we passed by your house. He worked tirelessly on our HOA. And we had some serious laughs as we worked together on the board. He was kind and compassionate. Kerstin I am so sad for you and the entire family. Sending prayers of peace and healing.

**Cheryl Fritz** - March 11, 2015 at 10:11 AM

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“ A Prince among men. Privileged to work with him many yrs ago. Always kind & a gentleman.

**Denise Keith** - March 11, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Mr. Wilson's loss. I had the privilege of being his student during nursing school and as a colleague at St. Francis for my PALS certification. He was so willing to help people and numerous times I was a recipient of that help. Our sincerest condolences to his family and our prayers are with you all.

**Jonathan** - March 10, 2015 at 11:23 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened. I worked with David for a while at Saint Francis education. He always had a smile, upbeat and encouraging. He was always willing to help in any way he could. I am honored to have known him. :(

**lea Ann cockrell** - March 10, 2015 at 07:02 PM

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“ I met David only within the past few years. I am deeply saddened. He always had a smile and a kind word. He was a very patient and sweet person. His willingness to help always made working with him a joy. I am honored to have known him. My most sincere sympathy to this great man, nurse and educator.

**lea Ann cockrell** - March 10, 2015 at 06:42 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of James David Wilson

**Bette Weeks** - March 10, 2015 at 05:06 PM

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“ He loved being your neighbor too...and yes we knew my Goldens finally stole his heart? We are missing him so much but have a peace in our hearts knowing he's with Jesus.

**Kerstin West-Wilson** - March 10, 2015 at 04:43 PM

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“ While I only had a few opportunities to work with David during PALS education, I can say I truly enjoyed each of them. David was so very thorough and helpful and supportive. The loss we feel, even those of us who had limited contact with David, is stinging to be sure, I can not imagine the sadness of those who were closer to David. Please take some comfort in knowing that he is no longer suffering, and that he touched many lives, and improved the lives of many through his work and education. David will be sorely missed.

**Timothy Tyner** - March 10, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ Kerstin, I will forever miss the best neighbor and friend that anyone could have. You and David have been a blessing to me and I will never forget David's huge smile across the street and all his help that he has given me as a GREAT neighbor. And as much as he would not admit it.....he was so in love with your BUDDY and couldn't stop holding him. I will always remember that. He will be missed by us all. Including his Buddy! Love and prayers to you Kerstin and your family. We love you! Gloria, Aubry, Ty & Klm

**Gloria** - March 10, 2015 at 01:36 PM

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“ A colleague and friend who will be missed. God's peace to Kirsten and family. Kathy Clarke

**kathleen Clarke** - March 10, 2015 at 12:59 PM

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“ I should add that the world of pediatric nursing has lost a great mind but his contributions will live on in the work he has done.

**Patricia Conlon** - March 10, 2015 at 12:28 PM

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“ David was great to work with as an editor. He was thoughtful and encouraging in all of this communications with us as writers and contributors. He was great to work these past several years. My condolences to you all.

**Patricia Conlon** - March 10, 2015 at 12:25 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless your Dad and your family. Your dad is now in the Heaven to pray for us.Mary Nguyen, City Of Tulsa.

Mary Nguyen - March 10, 2015 at 09:26 AM

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“ Meu querido amigo James David Wilson,era apaixonado pelo Brasil, queria poder visitar novamente a cidade que ele dizia amar tanto, Campo Grande-Ms Brazil, onde viveu parte de sua adolescencia, sentiremos saudades do esprito brincalho,muito em breve nos veremos novamente na glria, a toda a famlia esse  nosso consolo,ele tinha essa certeza.Aos pais Pr.Ernest e D.Billie,aos irmos,Robert,Daniel,Mike, aos filhos, netos e esposa nossos sentimentos e que Deus os conforte totalmente em sua dor.Nossos coraes esto com voces neste momento.Descanse em paz meu querido.

Mara Lcia Ovando Fraiha - March 10, 2015 at 09:24 AM

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“ Kerstin and family,My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. I know David will be missed and I hope you all find comfort in the knowledge of all the lives he has touched.Lisa K. Still

Lisa Still - March 10, 2015 at 12:28 AM

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“ Mr.Wilson made learning so much fun. You will be missed. RIP.

wendi guthrie - March 09, 2015 at 10:36 PM

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“ A great loss indeed. Great teacher who shaped my Nursing school experience.

Kosome Boswell - March 09, 2015 at 10:11 PM

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“ Mr. Wilson was my favorite nursing instructor! So smart and such a professional!

Britton Foster - March 09, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ I wouldn't even know where to begin to pay a tribute to David! I met him in 1995 as a freshman/sophomore at ORU. He was always there for us students. He was ready with an encouraging word when we just knew we had failed a test or couldn't make it another day in nursing school. He made sure we were reminded of what God was doing in our lives and what amazing nurses we would be. In addition to being our Professor, he quickly became our Friend and Mentor. I pray for comfort and peace for all of you as you learn to live out your new "normal" without such a great guy.

**Brenna** - March 09, 2015 at 09:10 PM

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“ Mr Wilson was one of my nursing instructors at Langston University. He was wonderful and will be missed very much by the nursing community. My condolences to his family, and hugs to his loving wife. Sincerely, Olivia Tackett

**Olivia Tackett** - March 09, 2015 at 09:02 PM