



## Benjamin Franklin Wilson, Jr.

November 3, 1931 - December 16, 2011

Ben F. Wilson, Jr. Ben F. Wilson, Jr. 80, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2011, in a local hospital. Ben was born November 3, 1931, in Uvalde, Texas, to Lova and Ben Wilson. He grew up in Victoria, Texas. His early years were spent in a small community near Victoria where he started his education in a one-room school house. Ben not only excelled at his own grade level but all the others as well. He graduated in 1949 from Patti Welder High School in Victoria where he was active in many sports, especially baseball, was president of his senior class and received many other honors. He attended Victoria College for one year, then transferred to Texas A & M University and received a degree in Geology in 1953. While doing graduate work at A & M, he met his future wife, Nancy Perkins. They were married on June 4, 1955, in Huntsville, Texas. Ben and Nancy started their married life in San Antonio, Texas, where he worked for Arkansas Fuel, Oil and Gas Company and later became an independent oil operator. In 1965, he left the oil business and started building homes in and around San Antonio. Ben enjoyed both his work in the oilfield and home construction, but most of all he loved to fish on the Texas Coast. In 1990, he and Nancy moved to Huntsville, Texas, and purchased a home in Elkins Lake where he was very active within the Community and Huntsville. He was president of the Men's Golf Association, president of the Elkins Lake Community Association, was a committee member of the Elkins Lake Lakes Committee. He helped re-organize the Walker County Crime Stoppers and served as its president for

many years. He served as head usher and Communion Chairman at First United Methodist Church and helped in every Sam Houston Alumni Association event in which Nancy was involved. Ben loved people, fishing, golfing, traveling and bridge, but most of all the outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, sister-in-law Pam Perkins of Austin, Texas and sister-in-law Marie Fritche of Weimer, Texas, thirteen nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews. A Visitation and Memorial Service honoring Ben will be held on Friday, December 16, 2011, at First United Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00am with the Memorial Service following. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Coy and Ruth Perkins Scholarship, Sam Houston State University, Office of University Advancement, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2537 or First United Methodist Church, 1016 Sam Houston Ave., Huntsville, Texas 77320 Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Franklin Wilson, Jr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Nancy, we are saddened to hear of Ben's passing. We know he had a long fight, but now he is at peace. We've always enjoyed visiting with the two of you on our many trips over the years to visit Mom and Dad in Huntsville. I (Scott) enjoyed hearing Ben describe his oilfield days. He seemed to know so much about so many things. Needless to say our awareness of the spirit of SHSU alumni has been elevated many notches from our acquaintance. Mom never fails to mention you as well as the many other fine friends she has made in Huntsville. We are thankful for your closeness to her, and we pray for your comfort as you meet each new day.*

*Kind regards,*

*Scott, Laurie, Ryan, Blake and Meredith Lester*

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**Scott and Laurie Lester** - December 26, 2011 at 03:56 PM



“ *Nancy,  
Thank you for calling and letting us know that Ben had passed away. I can still recall playing golf with Ben in San Antonio and the pointers he gave me on how to improve my game. I'm still working on it. You and Ben have been special friends since we first met you in San Antonio in 1966. I marveled at the beautiful houses that Ben built. I'm glad we got to visit with you and Ben last year in Huntsville with our neighbors, the Webers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss.*

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**Bob Haas** - December 21, 2011 at 05:27 PM

HK

“ Hi, Nancy. Dad just called to let me know about Ben. I am so very sorry for your loss. You all were such special friends to my parents for as long as I can remember - and you were always so good to me! It was so special to have you at my graduation, my wedding and of course at Mom's funeral. I remember the letter Ben sent when you mailed me information for my report on the Alamo. We were in Germany, but you all sent a complete packet of everything I needed for my report along with a very nice letter from Ben. Gosh ... that was almost 30 years ago. I'm praying for you! Love, Heather

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**Heather Haas Knowlton** - December 19, 2011 at 03:15 PM

CS

“ Sweet Nancy: We fully intended to be at the service to celebrate Ben's life this morning but I have a cold. You and Ben have been Mr. and Mrs. SHSU (I never considered Ben to be a "full-blood Aggie"), Mr. and Mrs. Huntsville and Mr. and Mrs. FUMC. Your gifts to this community have been truly significant; I just hope you know how much you two have meant to all of us. It was always very, very special to know that if I scheduled an SHSU Symphony performance, you guys were there----and cheering. Everyone knows what a dear, kind, special man he was; he was very lucky to have you as his life partner! WE love you Nancy!! Carol Smith and Barbara Corbin

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**Carol Smith** - December 16, 2011 at 10:52 AM

MH

“ Nancy, Maria and I are very sorry for your loss. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Maria and Frank Holmes** - December 14, 2011 at 11:47 AM

WR

“ Nancy, we are so very sorry. I am so glad you called to tell us. We will be there on Friday morning.

*Ben was a wonderful person and we will all miss him. Jo*

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**Wayne & Jo Roberts** - December 13, 2011 at 11:43 PM

BN

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Ben's passinG. You and your family will be in my prayers. He will be remembered by me for his kidding in rehab. He was a fine gentleman.

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**Beverly (Conner) Niederhofer** - December 13, 2011 at 05:02 PM