



## Grady Leon Wilder Jr.

August 27, 1938 - July 16, 2020

Grady Leon Wilder, Jr., 81, went to be with the Lord in Montgomery, TX on July 16, 2020. Grady was born in Des Moines, Iowa on August 27, 1938 to Grady Sr. and Larene Wilder. He was a lifelong resident of Harris and Montgomery Counties.

After his discharge from the Air Force in 1960, Grady wore many hats over the years from being a Harris County Deputy Sheriff to a Journeyman Plumber and even a volunteer EMT in later years. Of all the hats he wore, his favorite was being Dad to Craig Alan Wilder of San Antonio, TX, Stephanie Anne Wilder of Montgomery, TX, and stepfather to Aaron Leon Eggleston of Austin, TX. Grady loved being a dad and in the center of the kid's action - from supporting sporting and band events to serving as the announcer for Spring Football games (1981-1986), and his most favorite of all, being "everyone's dad" to all of Craig and Stephanie's friends. (But for the love of heaven do NOT walk on the grass that earned Grady yard of the month multiple times over in Spring's Birnam Wood neighborhood!).

In his later years, Grady loved being Papaw to his grandsons, Chase and Cole of Dallas, TX and Logan Wilder of La Vernia, TX. When his grandsons were young, there was nothing he liked more on a Saturday morning than having peanut butter toast cut into 'little rounds' with them when they visited. They loved his deep (but kind) voice and how thoughtful he was, always

remembering the little things. Grady loved all of his children, his spouse and grandchildren unconditionally and was overjoyed with each visit even in his final days.

Grady is preceded in death by his wife of nearly 53 years, Edna Aileen Bailey, his parents and sisters, Shirley Church, Francis Graham, Nancy Leverette, and Judy Tarver. Grady is survived by son, Craig Wilder (Lael Gessner); daughter, Stephanie Wilder (Michelle Ray); stepson, Aaron Eggleston (Dea Lemke); sister Kay Von Minden, Grandchildren – Stacy Faecher (John), Eric Eggleston (Lillie), Kasey Wenz (Luke), Chase Wilder (Sarah), Cole Wilder (Kathy), Logan Wilder; Great Grandchildren – Justin Faecher (Taylor), Blake Faecher, Koy Faecher, David Eggleston, Jack Wenz, Penelope Wenz and Austin Chase Wilder; numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Ariadna Hidalgo and LaNan Bruce who acted as caregivers for Grady in his last months along with Montgomery United Methodist Church and the MUMC Cookers for making him part of their family. If desired, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the MUMC Nurture Ministry.

Services will held at 12:00 pm on 8/8/20 at Montgomery United Methodist Church (22548 Highway 105 Montgomery, TX 77356).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Montgomery United Methodist Church  
Montgomery, TX 77356

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grady Leon Wilder Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Stephanie and Craig - You know how when you haven't seen someone for a long time you sometimes forget what their voice sounds like unless you hear it again? Although I won't see your precious pops again, I shall never in my life forget that voice singing to me! Lifting you, your family and friends up in prayer today as you celebrate Grady's life. Laura Piper*

**Laura Piper** - August 08, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ *Mary & Doug Runkel purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Grady Leon Wilder Jr..*



**Mary & Doug Runkel** - August 06, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grady Leon Wilder Jr..*



August 06, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grady Leon Wilder Jr..*



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August 05, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Grady always made me smile when ever I had a chance to chat with him. What a life of service between military, peace officer, EMT and family man. It was an honor to get to know you sir. I am sure you have that wonderful smile still on your face as you let your love for your family continue to be felt soft and clear.*

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**Wayne and Deborah Geddes** - August 03, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ *Ron and I enjoyed knowing Grady. He was fun to usher with. He will truly leave a void, but God has a good man with him now. Prayers for all of the family. We love you Michelle and Stephanie and are saddened by the loss of Grady. Love Ron and Connie Hosington*

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**Connie Housington** - August 03, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ We loved Grady and will sure miss him. His laugh & his jokes always made for a fun time. His style was always handsome and he loved getting spiffed up for occasions. We and he knew his destiny was with Jesus & his reunion in heaven with Edna would have them dancing like teenagers. He will always be with you & looking out for you & his beloved family from above. With tears, condolences & prayers for your peace & comfort in wonderful love and memories.  
Much Love,  
Mary & Doug Runkel



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**Mary Roberts** - August 03, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Grady Leon Wilder Jr..



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August 03, 2020 at 03:49 PM