



Leroy Wilkinson

March 12, 1943 - June 1, 2019

Leroy Wilkinson died Saturday night, June 1, in MD Anderson Hospital of complications from an infection. He was 76-years old. He came to Sam Houston State University in 1961, met and married his college sweetheart and raised his family here. He is survived by his wife, Lyndol, of 53 years and son, Chris. Kenny, a son, preceded him in death.

Leroy was born in Dallas, Texas, on March 12, 1943, to Fred and Fannie Wilkinson who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him are Mother-in-law Susie Williams, Father-in-law Olan Williams and Mary Shaver, sister-in-law.

Survivors are beloved daughter-in-law Kelley, and precious granddaughter Parker Wilkinson.

Lyndol's brother-in-law, Question Shaver, Sr, survives him, along with nieces and nephews Sandy Hobson, Kim Turrubiarte and David; Question Shaver, Jr and Kris and their families.

Also surviving are cousins Leslie and Dean Angel, Don and Nina Cole along with their families.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. A Celebration of Leroy's Life is scheduled for Saturday, 2:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:

Calvary Baptist Church, 1135 US Hwy 190E, Huntsville, TX 77320 SHSU

Baseball Enrichment Fund in memory of Leroy Wilkinson, Sam Houston State

Baseball, 620 Bowers Blvd. Huntsville, TX 77341

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leroy Wilkinson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Lyndol, I am so sorry to hear of Leroy's passing. I remember all the many baseball games you and I attended at Sam Houston. And, I recall the fun you and I had visiting in the dorms. I have such fun memories of both of you, and I know you will miss him terribly. You and yours will be in my thoughts and prayers. Vickie Handley Symington*

Vickie V. Handley Symington - June 09, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *Our condolences to you and your family, Lyndol. Leroy was a good friend. He was the first Texan we met as he met the Canadians at the bus station in Huntsville and took us to the dorms. I have fond memories of this man and I know how much you will miss him. Sincerely, Al and Lynn Symington*

Lynn M Symington - June 09, 2019 at 01:36 PM

DN

“ Lyndol, Chris, Kelley Parker, and families, I was so saddened and shocked to learn of Leroy's passing. Please accept my condolences. I remember the day when the Wilkinson's came to Calvary Baptist Church.



You were both such sweet, lovely people. Both of you carried out your roles as Sunday School Teachers, and LeRoy as Door Greeter, so faithfully. His smile (and antics) will be missed at our Church and by all of the folks who had the pleasure of knowing him. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you Lyndol as you go through this adjustment of daily survival without your husband. Families, please know we will all see him again when Jesus calls each of us home to glory! Lean on the Master, and He will see you through this time of grief. My love to each of you, Dorothy Nichols

Dorothy Nichols - June 09, 2019 at 01:36 PM

OM

“ There are just no words to tell you heartbroken we were to heart that Coach had passed. He was part of the best of memories of our school years. He was an encourager and a joy to be around on campus. When we were in junior high, we wrapped your house and it probably wasn't hard for him to guess who did it. We were all spending the night a couple of doors down at Roseann Hobbs' house. The upstairs line rang early and we were summoned to come and clean up the yard. He said the cinnamon rolls were in the oven and we could have some breakfast when we were finished in the yard. That's the kind of guy he was. A little discipline with a whole lot of love. And we are better people today because he truly cared and we knew it. Thanks for the light and the love Coach. We will miss you terribly.

O.B. & Anne (Hawke) Miller, Class of 84

O.B. & Anne Miller - June 07, 2019 at 03:27 PM

NM

“ Lyndol, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Don and Nita Moore

Nita Moore - June 07, 2019 at 03:05 PM

AM

“ Love and Prayers to a wonderful family, who lost a wonderful family member. Leroy was very special to me, and to my husband, Charles. God's Speed... Ann Mallery

Ann Mallery - June 07, 2019 at 11:39 AM

DP

“ Donna Paschall lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Donna Paschall - June 05, 2019 at 10:47 PM

DP

“ I just heard of Leroy's passing. May God give you peace and rest. Our prayers are with you and your family. Lots of great memories. Love, The Robinson girls (Carol Byrd, Jan Rogers, Donna Paschall and Mary Roe)

Donna Paschall - June 05, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leroy Wilkinson.*



June 05, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ *Love, Joan and Buddy Haney; Agnes and Pat Harrop purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leroy Wilkinson.*



Love, Joan and Buddy Haney; Agnes and Pat Harrop - June 05, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *We're just heartbroken to hear of Leroy's passing. He was the sweetest Christian man and always had a smile and a hug. To know him was to love him and I know he was loved by many. All the stories before church and at VBS, he was just an amazing person. We're thankful and blessed to have known him. Prayers for his sweet wife Lyndol, Chris, Parker and Kelly. I pray that the Lord will wrap his arms around them and give them comfort until they see Leroy again.*

Love, George and Brenda Jordy

Brenda Jordy - June 05, 2019 at 09:33 PM

DB

“ *I miss my friend.*
Don Bumpass

1960-1961 4A Baseball All-Tournament Team
(Selected by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association)
Pitcher - John Collier - - Lufkin
Pitcher - Robert Oliver - - Baytown
Catcher - Jerry Register - - Lufkin
1B - Bob Cone - - Lubbock Monterey
2B - Jimmy Dodd - - Baytown
3B - Donnie Bumpass - - Lubbock Monterey
SS - James Ellis - - Lubbock Monterey
OF - Ronald Bandy - - Lubbock Monterey
OF - Billy Hancock - - Waco
OF - Leroy Wilkinson - - Lufkin

don bumpass - June 05, 2019 at 04:46 PM

LI

“ *Lindy lit a candle in memory of Leroy*
Wilkinson



Lindy - June 05, 2019 at 01:10 PM

RK

“ I had the privilege of being Leroy's roommate for three years. It would take a book to describe what it was like. It was a blast. I think he knew everybody on campus and in the whole town. He was genuine, funny, and loud. You could hear him before you could see him - we called him "boing boing". He was a great roommate and a great ambassador for Sam Houston State. We all loved him.
Ralph Klatt

Ralph Klatt - June 05, 2019 at 12:34 PM

CR

“ Charles hired Leroy to be a part of the coaching staff at New Caney and was a great coach and friend .We heard of his death and send our condolences To Lyndol and her family

Charles Faye and Kevin Reed

Charles Reed - June 05, 2019 at 11:18 AM

HJ

“ Herb Jordan lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Herb Jordan - June 05, 2019 at 09:49 AM

RL

“ Our hearts are very sad to hear of Leroy's passing. He was loved by all and He will be missed. He and Lyndol touched our lives from our High School days when we first meet them both as teachers and in our heart they have always been with us. He was the only teacher that could teach me how to do Algebra,(Lol) I will never forget him, what a wonderful man. And you can't not mention Lyndol, they were a blessed couple and being together 53 years makes a Big Statement about them both. Last year Charlie and I had our 50th Anniversary and they both took the time to call us at our celebration and you do not know what that meant to both of us. We love you Leroy. Charlie & Rosemary Lyons Class of 68 & 70 New Caney High School.

Rose Lyons - June 04, 2019 at 10:06 PM

TA

“ I will cherish the great times we had at SHSU Athletics office. When he came in with that Big smile, hugs and those wonderful brownies. What a special man that was loved by all. RIP Leroy , Love you!! my friend

Terry Dougtie Artherholt - June 04, 2019 at 10:01 PM

DH

“ Dianna Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Dianna Holbrook - June 04, 2019 at 09:58 PM

ND

“ *Nicole Dickson lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*




Nicole Dickson - June 04, 2019 at 09:35 PM

ND

“ *Mr. W was always so kind and genuine towards me. He had such a zest for life! I'm so blessed to have known him.*

Nicole Dickson - June 04, 2019 at 09:30 PM

 Charlotte Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Charlotte Efird - June 04, 2019 at 09:05 PM

SM

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Wilkinson or "Hero" as he was referred to in Mrs. Wilk's weekly newspaper article in the Huntsville Item. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Wilk and her family. Sincerely, Steve Martinez*

Steven J Martinez - June 04, 2019 at 05:12 PM

MR

“ I’m sorry to hear of Leroy’s passing. My prayers are with Lyndol and the family.

I remember when Leroy and Lyndol taught Sunday School class at our church.

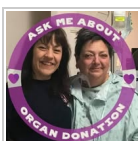
They made going to Sunday School class fun and very interesting.

We would sometimes even talk about how the Hornets were performing in sports and what the Dallas Cowboys needed to do to win that day. They made a positive impact on my life.

I will miss hearing Leroy’s voice on the radio on Friday nights calling the Hornet games.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mike Reeves - June 04, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ Jamie Sue Brinegar sent a virtual gift in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Jamie Sue Brinegar - June 04, 2019 at 02:22 PM

CW

“ Praying for the family.



Carolyn Walker - June 04, 2019 at 02:22 PM

TF

“ *The Choate Family lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



The Choate Family - June 04, 2019 at 02:16 PM

CJ

“ *Leroy will be missed along with his pocket of candy on Sunday mornings at Calvary Baptist Love Carey, Allyson, And of course Bri Jordy*

Carey and Allyson Jordy - June 04, 2019 at 01:14 PM

MW

“ *Leroy was my high school coach. I will always remember those great days.
He was such a positive person, always greeting you with a smile.
Thank you for
all you meant to so many.
In my prayers,
Mark Woodward
Class of 73*

mark woodward - June 04, 2019 at 11:30 AM

RH

“ *Connie and I are deeply saddened to hear of Leroy's passing. We will always treasure the many baseball trips of the late 1980s when our sons played on the same team. The world is bit emptier (and quieter!) without LeRoy. He will be deeply missed by all who knew hoi.
Rich and Connie Heiland*

Rich Heiland - June 04, 2019 at 11:10 AM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - June 04, 2019 at 10:46 AM

H1

“ *HHS Class of 1979*



HHS Class of 1979 - June 04, 2019 at 10:33 AM

SA

“ *What a wonderful man who served the Lord and showed us in his actions. He will be in our memories forever. Love to Lyndol, Chris, Kelley, and Parker.*



Sandra - June 04, 2019 at 10:29 AM

SE

“ *Our prayers for you, Lyndol and your precious family - our hearts are heavy with yours. We know that God is wrapping all of you in His Strong and Healing Arms. Leroy was such a formidable force in molding many young lives . Our deepest sympathy and many prayers for you. Sunny & Bob Ernst*

sunny ernst - June 04, 2019 at 09:55 AM

MP

“ *Our love and prayers to you and the family Lyndol. Leroy will be truly missed!*

Mary Partida



Mary Partida - June 04, 2019 at 09:50 AM

KW

“ *Kelley Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Kelley Wilkinson - June 04, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *Our hearts are heavy in the loss of such a wonderful man. Praying for Lyndol and the family. May God give you strength in the days ahead.*

Donna Story - June 04, 2019 at 08:48 AM

DM

“ *David McKee lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



David McKee - June 04, 2019 at 06:27 AM

BR

“ *Belynda Ramos lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Belynda Ramos - June 04, 2019 at 01:18 AM

BR

“ *Belynda Ramos lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Belynda Ramos - June 04, 2019 at 01:13 AM

OC

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Leroy at Raven Nest Golf Club during my time as SHSU and I tell you what there was no one else that could tell stories about the good ol days like Leroy! I even managed to get a nickname “The O” from Leroy that I’ll always remember! Prayers to his family during this tough time!*



Oscar Chombo - June 04, 2019 at 12:17 AM

KB

Leroy was part of our class of 1961 at Lufkin High School. He joined us fairly late, but truly, it seemed as if he’d been there forever because he so quickly became part of our group. At one of our reunions (55th?), he spoke about how much the acceptance of the class, the baseball team and the community had meant to him. The feeling was decidedly mutual. Without doubt, Leroy was a good boy who became a good man; the world is a poorer place without him.

Karen Lovett Bowser - June 04, 2019 at 12:07 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



M. Hyvl - June 04, 2019 at 12:12 AM

JM

“ *Larry and I are so sorry for your loss. Larry at one point worked at Ksam with him.*



Judith Miller - June 03, 2019 at 11:56 PM

TJ

“ *Tammy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Tammy Johnson - June 03, 2019 at 11:12 PM

KT

“ *Kimera Turrubiarte lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson*



Kimera Turrubiarte - June 03, 2019 at 11:03 PM

RD

“ Roger And Tammy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Roger and Tammy Dixon - June 03, 2019 at 10:57 PM

KS

Leroy played for my daddy to win the 1968 Championship. What a great guy! I love you LeRoy and are already missing you!

Kay Benge Serafin - June 03, 2019 at 11:37 PM

SS

“ Sue Sprott lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Sue Sprott - June 03, 2019 at 09:54 PM

HJ

“ Prayers for the Wilkerson's family and many friends. God's Blessings and comfort to you all.



H Jones - June 03, 2019 at 09:52 PM

LP

“ Leighnae Holly Poole lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Leighnae Holly Poole - June 03, 2019 at 09:13 PM

TA

“ Trisha Aker lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Trisha Aker - June 03, 2019 at 09:06 PM

SF

“ Susan Smith Fulton



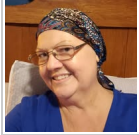
Susan Smith Fulton - June 03, 2019 at 08:21 PM

CW

Prayers and blessings for the wilkerson's family. Leroy was a great person and loved everyone he met. I always will remember those baseball days at Kate barr Ross park playing ball with his son Kenny and Leroy helping us all. I can them playing catch in heaven now, god has him a gold glove winner.

Caesar Wood and the wood family.

Caesar wood - June 07, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ Theresa Patty lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Theresa Patty - June 03, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Susan Losack Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Susan losack schumacher - June 03, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ Derril Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Derril Mitchell - June 03, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Quincy Parker lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Quincy Parker - June 03, 2019 at 07:54 PM

RM

“ Rhonda Mauldin lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Rhonda Mauldin - June 03, 2019 at 07:07 PM

LP

Mr. Wilkinson was the sweetest people. He always had a smile and kind words every time I saw him. Even when he wasn't feeling the best. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for his sweet wife and family.

Lindy Pipkin - June 03, 2019 at 07:20 PM

DT

“ So many fond memories of “Coach Wilk”—from seeing him in the halls of HHS, to the baseball field and especially when he helped chaperone our HIVE trips to Austin! Always so fun, and what a great attitude! Loved hearing him and Kooter on the radio! When our boys were playing football Mark would take a radio (been awhile!) and listen to them while watching the games! Mrs. Wilk, I always loved Out the In Door and the way you affectionately talked about Hero! He will be missed but leaves an amazing legacy. Prayers for you and your family at this time! 🙏

Delanise Miller Taylor - June 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM

KD

“ Katie Davison lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Katie Davison - June 03, 2019 at 06:53 PM

DR

“ Dawn Rachal lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



Dawn Rachal - June 03, 2019 at 06:48 PM

DR

Such great memories of Leroy May he RIP

Dawn Rachal - June 03, 2019 at 06:49 PM

TB

My thoughts and prayers for all the family and friends and a extra special one for Kelley and Parker

Tammy Brook - June 03, 2019 at 07:37 PM

H1

“ HHS Class Of 1976 lit a candle in memory of Leroy Wilkinson



HHS Class of 1976 - June 03, 2019 at 06:46 PM

BF

Chris Lindel Kelly and Parker my heart is so sad he was a very very special man and we will miss him terribly !!!!! I'm sorry I won't be able to attend I will be out of town but my thoughts and my prayers and my heart will be with you guys !!!!! God bless you all !!!!! 🙏🙏❤️❤️😭😭

Becky Frezia - June 03, 2019 at 07:04 PM



Hannah
Poe

“ *Lyndol, thank you and Leroy for inviting us with open arms in to the church and your home. Leroy was a man of great character and loved everyone he met. I'm so sorry for your loss but I pray God wraps his arms around you and you find comfort in Him.*

Hannah Poe - June 03, 2019 at 06:34 PM

MW

“ *My family & I are so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family*



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - June 03, 2019 at 06:12 PM

GB

“ *Leroy and I were playing golf at Elkins Lake one evening and on hole number 4 on the hills course Leroy made a hole in one. His first and only. I told him that it was only official when you play a complete 18 hole round. So off we go to beat the sun going down. We finished number 17 and 18 in the dark. I asked Leroy after we finished if he wanted me to make an official statement to the pro so he could get his prize money. I found out he was too tight to put money in the pot for hole in one winners. Love you Leroy. Gary Brizendine (GB Custom Golf)*

Gary Brizendine - June 03, 2019 at 06:05 PM

AC

Lyndol - I am grateful for every memory I have of Leroy. I had a great 14 years knowing him, and I'll Always consider that one of the highlights of my time at KSAM.

*Brooke Addams
KSAM 2000-2014*

Andrea Corley - June 03, 2019 at 06:50 PM

RS

We have not personally had the privilege of knowing Leroy. We feel as if we know him through KSAM and working with Kooter. As well the articles Lyndon write about her HERO. God bless your family and work families as I know Leroy will be sorely missed.

Richard and Patricia Shelly - June 04, 2019 at 09:22 AM



It was with such a sad heart when I heard about the passing of "Coach" Wilk. He was one of those beloved people that you never thought of as eventually passing like the rest of us! But, I know that He must have been putting this off for us humans when he finally called Coach home. Coach & Mrs Wilk were such adored teachers by our HHS Class of '78! Thank You, Mrs Wilk and family for sharing him with his Huntsville sports families! I could not attend many of the out-of-town games, but I knew that the "Biscuit Brothers" would keep us all entertained!! I know, Kooter has sooo many funny stories & Thank You, also, Kooter for sharing Leroy's antics with us! God Bless this wonderful family & we know there was no better mentor for the kids of yesterday AND today! Hugs & much love... ;) ❤️

Jamie Sue Brinegar - June 04, 2019 at 02:21 PM

SR

I was privileged to start my teaching career in Huntsville 'with the best.' I was at the 6th grade campus with Louie Payne, Lylie Morris, Marjean Creager, Cindy Rhoe, Carol Byrd, and the one and only Leroy Wilkinson! What an awesome experience. Leroy always had a smile, a hug and an encouraging word for everyone. He was one of those special people you never forgot and to make it more special, he never forgot you. Leroy left to work in juvenile probation and we were so sad to see him go, but knew he could touch a lot of lives in this new position. I would occasionally run into Leroy and he always greeted me with, "Hey, how are you girl?" It may have been 10 years since we had seen each other, but he always greeted me so sweetly and warmly. I will miss you Leroy! Who's gonna fill those shoes?

Susan Frizzell Retzlaff - June 05, 2019 at 09:07 AM

PK

Lyndol , Chris and the rest of the family, we are so sorry for your loss , we go back a long time ago, we have been out of town but did want you to know that y'all have been in our thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏 He was a big part of our life back in the day and we loved all the baseball days, I can remember when your boys were born and I would take care of them at the ball park!! What wonderful memories I have 💕💕

peggy kroesche - June 10, 2019 at 08:49 PM