



## Robert Eugene Wilkerson

June 12, 1933 - September 1, 2022

Early Thursday morning, September 1, 2022, our Heavenly Father called one of his faithful servants home. Robert Eugene Wilkerson, “Gene”, age 89 of Philadelphia, TN. He was home with his daughter, Brigina T Wilkerson and son, David E Wilkerson.

Gene was born June 12, 1933. He accepted Christ at an early age and was an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church over the years. He served in the US Army. He was employed for many years by Rohm and Haus (Knoxville), Oak Ridge DOE, and TVA nuclear plant (Watts Bar). He was an electrician by trade, and owned and operated Wilkerson’s ServiCenter/Parts Etc. for over 80 years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Alma Rosetta Wilkerson “Silky”, parents Arthur “Harrison” and Emma (Locke) Wilkerson, son Daniel Eugene Wilkerson, sisters Thelma Ratledge, Hazel McGraw; and brothers Floyd, Donald, Harrison, Jr., Earl, Edward, Ernest, George, and James “JD” Wilkerson.

Survivors include daughter: Brigina T Wilkerson, sons: Major David E Wilkerson, USMC retired, (Jody L ), grandsons Bryce and Derek of North Carolina; Shane Wilkerson (Jennifer) granddaughters Victoria, Kimberly, and Scarlet of Oak Ridge. Sisters-in-law: Laura Ann, and Betty Wilkerson; Brother-in-law: J.N. (Rebekah) Upton and a host of nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Gene was a generous, dedicated Christian man who loved his family profoundly. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and son. Dad, you will be lovingly remembered and forever missed. "Well done my good and faithful servant".

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. followed by a celebration of life with full military honors, with Pastor: Reggie Jackson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request gifts be sent to the local Parkinson's Association or Cole Neuroscience Center @ UTMC. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *OrthoTennessee Therapy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert Eugene Wilkerson.*



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**OrthoTennessee Therapy** - September 08, 2022 at 08:11 AM

RH

“ *Mr Wilkerson was a wonderful person to call on when something went wrong with my air or fridge. It never took him long to find the problem. One day he pulled up in a small car with his window down and our blue Great Dane greeted him through the window, he was tickled to be greeted by her. I am so sorry that you lost your dad. Heaven just keeps getting sweeter. God Bless his family.*

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**Rhonda** - September 05, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Eugene Wilkerson.*



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September 05, 2022 at 11:01 AM

JC

“ I had Mrs Wilkerson in the 7th grade at Philadelphia she was so kind and sweet. Then as years passed I took care of Mr Wilkerson as patient in 1980's; years pass I needed an appliance worked on called Mr Wilkerson very professional showed up on time (something we lack today) did the job was working just like it should. Remember you kids when you were small happy & playful. So sorry to hear of you Dad's passing. Our thought are with you in this sad time.



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**Juanita Johnston Cook** - September 03, 2022 at 03:40 PM

BN

“ Gina and David, So sorry to hear about the passing of Gene. you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim "Bud" and Carla Nelms



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**Bud Nelms** - September 03, 2022 at 02:23 PM