## Carl Wilson(1924 - 2014)



WILSON Carl J.

Carl J. Wilson died peacefully on October 22, 2014. Born on April 11, 1924, to John David Wilson and Eva Josephine (Patton) Wilson on the family farm on Perry Road, he recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He was the youngest of six children. As a youth, Carl helped work the family farm, using horses before the first family tractor, and attended Whitehouse school, graduating in 1942. He was an accomplished three-sport athlete, and served as captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams.

Carl served in the Army during World War II, helped take Okinawa, and received a Purple Heart. He was training to invade Japan when the war ended.

After his discharge, Carl returned home and married his sweetheart, Eva May Benson on October 11, 1946. The young couple spent two seasons in Pittsburg, Kansas where Carl played pro baseball as a pitcher. When he injured his arm, they returned home and began life on Neowash Road, where they spent the rest of their lives. Carl farmed, worked in construction and as a millwright at A.P. Parts.

He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting and fishing with his sons; brother, John; nephews and friends until his age and health prevented it, but was still keen to hear of his sons' and grandsons' successes and near misses afield.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; his bride, Eva (Benson) Wilson, and his siblings Florence Mesnard, Bernice Studer, Marie Genson, Ruby Genson, and John Wilson.

Carl leaves behind four children and their spouses, Barbara Wilson (Elliot Trester), Jayn Zimmerman (Rick), David Wilson (Wendy), and Todd Wilson (Julie); ten grandchildren, Sarah Zimmerman, Anna Johnston (Patrick), Laura Schmidt (Orion), Eve Trester-Wilson (Skylar Johnson), Emma Trester-Wilson (Tyler Sanderson), David Wilson (Emily), Jonathan Wilson, Emily Wilson, Matt Wilson, and Tom Wilson, and four great-grandchildren, Madeline Johnston, Norah Johnston, Phineas Wilson and Elijah Wilson.

Carl was a quiet family man whose love of God and strength of character has blessed and continues to inspire his children, inlaws, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He demonstrated the values of hard work, tenacity, and a love and respect for nature.

There will be a family visitation on Friday, October 24 at Peinert-Dunn Funeral Home, 7220 Dutch Road, Waterville, Ohio from 4 to 7 p.m. A celebration of Carl's life will occur at 10 a.m., on Saturday, October 25, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Carl's memory to Hospice of Northwest Ohio:

www.hospicenwo.org

## **Funeral Home**

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