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Wayne Wilson

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL — Wayne Wilson of Port Charlotte, FL (originally of Fairhaven, MA) passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on January 26 at the age of 79. Wayne was born in Norwalk, CT to the parents of Wesley and Ruth (Brown) Wilson. He is survived by his sons Kyle of Kansas City, MO, James of Westport, MA, daughters Lynne (Martinez) and Leigh (Beckman) of Port Charlotte. He is predeceased by his wife Joyce (who passed five days earlier), son Craig, and sister Jean (Loving). He was the proud and loving grandfather to 9 grandchildren - Nicole (Hartley), Ryan Wilson, Kelsey (Santos), Kylie and Cayne (Martinez), Reid and Laelle (Beckman), and Henry and Ben Wilson.

Wayne was a graduate of Springfield College and went on to play professional baseball for the Milwaukee (now Atlanta) Braves organization from 1958-61.

Wayne joined the Fairhaven School system in 1961 where he served as a physical education teacher until 1992. He also served as the town's Recreation Director from 1977-1992 and the school department's Director of Physical Education and Athletics from 1981-1992.

It is, however, for his basketball coaching that he is best known. Wayne took over as Head Basketball Coach for Fairhaven High School in 1961 and coached successfully until the end of the 1980 season. His 1978 team reached the State Finals and in 1992 he was inducted into the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

A service to celebrate the lives of Wayne and Joyce Wilson will be held on Saturday February, 7th at 11am at the Deep Creek Community Church located at 1500 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.



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