



Allan Richard Wilson

September 12, 1949 - June 15, 2021

Amesbury, MA - After a courageous battle with cancer, Allan (Al) Wilson, 71, of Amesbury, MA, passed away peacefully at the Kaplan Family Hospice Home on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Al leaves behind “his girls;” devoted wife, Bonnie and loving daughter, Lauren. He also leaves behind his brother, Robert Wilson and wife Susan of Cranford, NJ, mother and father-in-law, Mary and Robert Spellman of South Yarmouth, MA, and brother and sister-in law Thomas Spellman and Suzanne Vliet of Bourne, MA as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Al’s zest for life, eclectic taste in music, and kindness touched everyone he met. “Big Al” genuinely cared for and was interested in others. He always wanted to hear about you, rather than talk about himself and could bring the party and laughter wherever he went!

Al was born on September 12, 1949 to his proud parents, Robert and Ann Wilson in Elizabeth, NJ. Shortly after graduating from Cranford High School in 1968, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he traveled the Mediterranean. Following his honorable discharge in 1971, he continued his travels, which brought him around the world. Al was an amazing storyteller and would often share stories about his adventures over a G&T.

Al’s love of music was contagious. He was a percussionist his whole life and

you could often find him with his drum sticks at the kitchen counter. Right up until the end, he was able to play weekly at church.

When he wasn't sitting behind a drum set, you could find Al volunteering at Camp Sunshine, working in his beautiful yard, or on the "Capey Beach" with his family.

Al proudly worked for SunSetter Awnings for more than a decade. Prior to SunSetter, Al worked for Bose, which tied into his love for music.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7pm on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. A celebration of Al's life will be held on Thursday, June 24 at 10:30am at Main Street Congregational Church, 145 Main St., Amesbury, MA 01913. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations in his honor be made to Camp Sunshine (<https://www.campsunshine.org/giving/tribute-and-memorial-gifts>) 35 Acadia Rd., Casco, ME 04015 or to the Music Ministry of Main Street Congregational Church in Amesbury, MA.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Memorial Service

JUN **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Main Street Congregational Church
145 Main Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

Tribute Wall



“ *Allan Richard Wilson*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I'm just heartbroken over Al's passing. I think fondly of the times we spent together so many years ago. He was truly like family. Among the many memories, I'll never forget the bond he had with my nana. He would walk into our house in Cranford and her 82 year old eyes would always light up. She'd say "Oh Big Al, you come sit right here with me!" And, without fail, he would go directly to her, sit down, hold her hand and have a nice, long chat. His kindness never failed and I'll be forever grateful we were blessed with his presence. My deepest, condolences to Bob and Sue and Al's lovely wife and daughter. May God's Grace shine down upon you all. With warmest regards, Sharon Vance McMahan*

Sharon McMahan - June 25, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ *The Argo Contact Centers Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.*



The Argo Contact Centers Family - June 24, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Cousin Al was full of Life, everyday was the next adventure. "Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS? I know Al does! Cousin Matt*

Matt - June 24, 2021 at 12:17 PM

NG

“ Nancy Green lit a candle in memory of Allan Richard Wilson



Nancy Green - June 23, 2021 at 02:37 PM

NG

I worked with Al the last 5 years at Sunsetter. I was very happy to have known him for the short time that I did. He was one of those people you don't forget. He made you feel special each time you saw him. I'm so sorry for your loss but I'm happy that you have a lifetime of happy memories to share with one another. I recently texted him and was happy that I did. He told me that "I was the best", but Al you'll always be one of the best persons I knew.

Nancy Green - June 23, 2021 at 08:57 PM

TT

“ The Onbrand24 Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.



The Onbrand24 Team - June 23, 2021 at 12:31 PM

SF

“ I had the pleasure of growing up with Al as my neighbor for most of my childhood. He was always there to crack jokes and make you laugh on any given day. He was a great role model to anyone he was near and especially enjoyed that him and Bonnie let me pull fresh rhubarb from the backyard! I know it's been many years now, but he has always remained a great part of my memories and will be missed greatly. Bonnie and Lauren, I send you my love during this very difficult time.

Suzanne "Roberts" Fry

Suzanne Fry - June 23, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.



June 23, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ Always Adored Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.



June 22, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ SunSetter lit a candle in memory of Allan Richard Wilson



SunSetter - June 22, 2021 at 03:58 PM



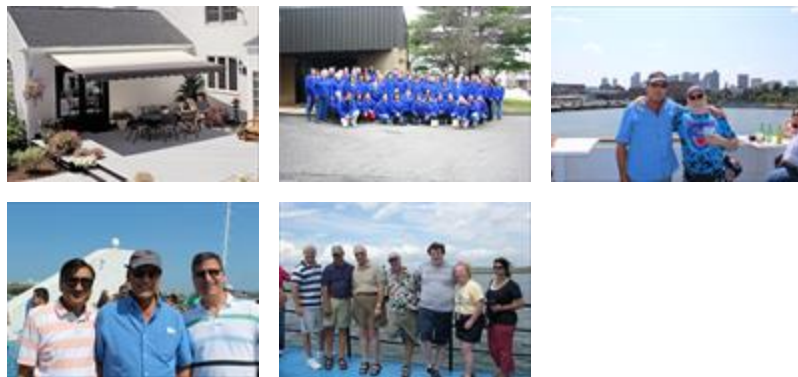
“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.



June 22, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ 5 files added to the album SunSetter Memories



sunsetter - June 22, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ 268 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 22, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ I grew up near Al and we played in our first band together. Al had a drumset and would let me play while he took over lead vocals. We were in school band together and I don't think I ever laughed more or harder when he would get going on a comedy routine. We were two grades apart and lost touch until a few years ago where we wrote on FB about what we're doing now. Al was a kind, gentle soul who was a big brother to many of us back in the day. Memory eternal.

Michael Heningham - June 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.



June 21, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.*



June 21, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Silvana, Mick, Laura, Kamil and Elio. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.*



Silvana, Mick, Laura, Kamil and Elio. - June 21, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Al and I grew up in Cranford together. We spent a lot of weekends in NY going to the clubs and listening to the music. Al was the guy who told me that I sucked at playing the drums. I will miss you Al. Rest In Peace my friend.*

George Hilbert - June 21, 2021 at 07:06 AM

SG

“Bonnie is my oldest friend – we met down the Cape when we were 7 years old and were summer friends. Our friendship was renewed when I started to go back to the Cape with my husband, Mick and daughter, Laura. It was then that I met Big Al and the four of us and Laura and their daughter Lauren became great mates. There are so many memories – in Bob and Mary’s back yard down the Cape, in their homes in Amesbury and when they all came to London for Laura’s wedding. Al was the kindest, funniest guy around. He and Mick were always joking. I remember all the dinners he cooked for me, when I would pop round for the weekend after my work trips in the States. He made a mean G & T. We will miss him, but he was such a big personality that he will live forever in our hearts and minds. I am uploading some photos of our times together.

Silvana, Mick, Laura, Kamil and Elio.



Silvana di Gregorio Gardiner - June 21, 2021 at 04:47 AM

RS

“ Big Al and I met in Newport RI where we both served on the USS Newman K Perry DD883. We hit it off and instantly became buddies, remaining friends for over 50 years. We did several Med cruises going up into the Black Sea, the North Atlantic and down into Cuba. Whenever we came into port and the Liberty Bell rang, we generally disembarked together. And we were often the last ones to get back on the ship! Though we often went a year or two without seeing each other, when we did get together it was like we had never parted. He always greeted me with a big hug and a kiss on the cheek. When we parted he always said the same thing - stay in touch and stay in touch with yourself!! He leaves a hole in my heart that will probably never be filled.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bonnie and Lauren and the rest of the family. You certainly have a wealth of wonderful memories to comfort you during this difficult time.

See you down the road Big Al! RIP
Ron and Judy Sleeper

Ron Sleeper - June 20, 2021 at 12:52 PM

SM

I have such nice memories of Vermont with Al.

Sharon McMahon - June 25, 2021 at 05:40 PM

CA

“ We are heartbroken to lose such a cherished friend and our thoughts are with Bonnie, Lauren, and their entire family. Allan enriched the lives of everyone he met. He knew how to brighten a room and he definitely made this world a better place. We will treasure the wonderful memories of our times together. Rest in peace, Big Al. We love you and will miss you.

Dave and Christie

Christie Adams - June 19, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.*



June 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *I am deeply saddened by the loss of a great friend and colleague. I enjoyed working with Allan for many years at Sunsetter. My most memorable times with Al was sharing family stories, happenings on Cape Cod, our mutual love of music, and sharing a good laugh! I will treasure my last visit with Al when he stopped by with Bonnie when out walking on the Cape for a visit. My deepest sympathy to Bonnie, Lauren, Mary and Bob Spelman and family. May you Rest In Peace my friend till we meet again. John Woods*

John Woods - June 19, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Although I had not been in touch with Al over the years, we played music together during the 70's. What a great guy and time we had. I was in high school playing with the Masque and I was saving what I could to get a bass amp. Al was back in Cranford on leave and we did a gig with the band. At the end of the night Al gave me his share and told me to put it towards my bass amp which I did. To me that sums up the kind of person he was. Rest in peace my old friend.*

Rich Court - June 19, 2021 at 09:40 AM

YP

“ your friends and coworkers at Sunsetter Products purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Allan Richard Wilson.



your friends and coworkers at Sunsetter Products - June 18, 2021 at 05:37 PM

JE

“ Although nothing can take the pain away for Lauren , Bonnie , and so many other family members and friends , these memories and commemorations are putting a smile on my face . So many memories of Al have popped in my head over the last few months and all make me smile and laugh. He was truly a great man loved by so many . He will be sorely missed.

Jenelle - June 18, 2021 at 12:51 PM

TM

“ I worked with Al for many years at Sunsetter. Great guy, we always had a lot of laughs and talks about the Cape. I know he had passion for his music and serving in the church and loved his family.

Rest in peace my friend and condolences to the family, he will certainly be missed.

Tim Murphy

Tim Murphy - June 18, 2021 at 12:36 PM

RS

“ I will miss you Al. Rest In Peace brother. I will always remember our days at the Jersey shore. Here's a quarter don't spend it all at once



rich silance - June 18, 2021 at 11:50 AM

DS

“ I don't know how to express sadness that runs this deep. My love and deepest prayers to Bonnie and Lauren, and all my gratitude to God for the gift of this fine man. I am devastated to lose him from my life. Allan Wilson has been the percussive mainstay at my musical side for nearly two decades at both Main Street Church, and Voices of Distinction. The level of brilliance and talent that he brought to our ministry is immeasurable. The gifts he gave will be everlasting. He was a friend like no other. I love you Alfonse. Don't forget to hit me a groundball now and then. Rest in peace my beautiful friend.



Daniel Smith - June 18, 2021 at 11:23 AM