



James H. Wilson

August 14, 1946 - March 14, 2026

James Wilson, 79, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully on the lake - exactly where he wanted to be.

He was born in Pensacola, Florida, to Frank and Thelma Wilson. As the youngest of four boys, Jimmy carried with him the quiet strength and steady character that would define his life. He graduated from JM Tate High School in 1964, then proudly served his country as a member of the 1st Cavalry Division in the United States Army during Vietnam. Having witnessed some of the worst of humanity during his service, Jimmy made a lifelong choice to live as the best of humanity—kind, steady, and always ready to help someone who needed it. After returning home from the war, he decided to further his education by attending UWF and graduating with a Master's degree in Psychology.

Jimmy's love and devotion to his wife, Terry, set a standard for what a marriage should be. Their partnership was built on friendship, loyalty, respect, and deep love. Family was the center of Jimmy's world, and his heart grew each time a grandchild came along. His love for Wesley, Lauren, Sophie, Carson, Riley, Evan, and great grandson, Judah, was immeasurable. Of all the names he's been called, "Granddaddy" was his favorite.

He is preceded in death by the love of his life, Terry; his parents; and brothers

Buddy, Tommy, and Bobby.

Left to cherish his memory, are his children: Chandra (Jake) Boyd, David (Michele) Fogg, and Skip (Karey) Fogg; grandchildren and great grandson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Jimmy was also grateful for the steadfast friendship of Bob, whose support and loyalty helped him through some of life's more difficult challenges.

Jimmy loved the game of golf, but the memories that many hold closest are the days spent fishing with him on Lake Talquin. Those moments—quiet water, good company, and Jimmy's calm presence—captured who he was. There was an ease about him. Jimmy always seemed relaxed, steady, and somehow knew exactly what to say when someone he loved needed advice.

As difficult as it is to say goodbye, there is comfort in knowing that Jimmy left this world peacefully, on the water he loved. As much as those who loved him wished for more time, Jimmy chose to let go and say goodbye on his own terms.

And in true Jimmy fashion, we imagine his final words echoing across the water: "Fish on!"

We will celebrate Jim's life in the way he would have wanted - at his house on Lake Talquin. All are welcome to join us on Saturday, March 21 @ 2pm. Please reach out to one of his children if you need the address.

The family also invites those who wish to honor Jimmy's memory to consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Wounded Warrior Foundation, or just by tipping generously the next time you eat out and have an attentive server.

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the Wilson family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ I am another who worked with Jim at CSX. I was one of the labor lawyers; Jim was a wonderful client to work with, and very skilled at his job. It was always a good day when I got to spend some time with him. Rest in peace my friend.

Jim Tomola - March 19 at 06:06 PM

MG

“ I too worked with jim in Labor Relations at CSX. So sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and may he rest in peace. Until we meet agsin my old friend. Marvin

Marvin Gardner - March 19 at 05:41 PM

JF

“ I had the privilege of working with Jim for years at CSX. He always told me to retire as soon as I could! Hugs to his family. He will be missed.

Jennifer Fry - March 19 at 05:34 PM

LJ

“ Jimmy and I met while working together in Mobile, Al. In the late 70's and became life long friends. I will miss him terribly all the rest of my days. Shamu....

Larry Jones - March 19 at 03:17 PM

JM

The Croaker! Another good one !

Jeff Miller - March 21 at 10:25 PM

JP

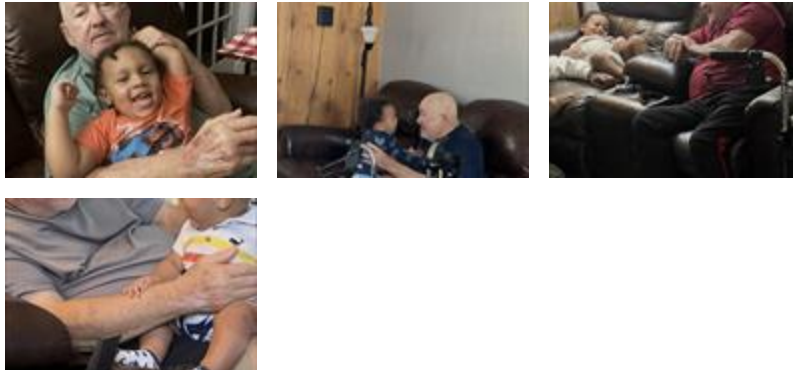
“ There are some bonds that don't need years to grow... they just are. 💔

Judah and his great grandfather shared something so special. From the very beginning, it was love, laughter, and the sweetest little moments that we'll hold onto forever. The way he looked at Judah... and the way Judah lit up around him... you could feel it.

It breaks our hearts knowing he's no longer here with us. 💔 But we are so grateful that Judah got to experience that kind of love, even for a short time. That love doesn't leave... it lives on in him.

We will miss you more than words can say. Thank you for loving our baby the way you did. ☐

Forever in our hearts. 🕊️



Jeanette Pierce - March 19 at 02:37 PM

LW

So sorry to hear about Jim's passing, he was a great man and friend. He was a big asset to CSX and everyone he associated with. Thanks for your Military Service and Railroad Service

Larry Wallace - March 19 at 06:36 PM