

OBITUARY

Charles M. "Charlie" Wilton, 73, of Burlington, Iowa, passed away at 3:25 a.m. Saturday, February 14, 2026 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Charlie was born March 26, 1952 in Colony, Kansas, the son of Justin and Emma Lorena (McGuirk) Wilton. On April 13, 1980 he married Connie Hensley in LaHarpe. She survives.

Mr. Wilton spent his childhood years in Missouri until his family relocated to Blandinsville, Illinois. He was a graduate of Northwestern High School. Following high school he received his Bachelors Degree from Eureka College in Eureka, Illinois. He began his working career in the construction industry; working for Hoffmeister Construction in Blandinsville. Later, he worked security at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison. Lastly, he retired as a Superintendent of Security from the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown.

He enjoyed photography, painting, carpentry and using his carpentry skills to help others.

Besides his wife, survivors include one son: Matt (Wrema) Strauser of North Liberty, Iowa; three grandchildren: Dalton, Lauren and Justin; two sisters: Justina (Garry) Schultz of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Cora Foglesong of North Platte, Nebraska and one brother: Mark (Dotti) Wilton of Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Kathryn Harding and Zada Wilton and another sister and brother in infancy.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2026 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2026 at LaHarpe Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the Terre Haute Community Church.

A memorial fund has been established for Des Moines County Humane Society. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Charlie's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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In Loving Memory Of *Charles M.* **WILTON**



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GOD SAW HE

God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so He put His arms around him
and whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes
we watched him suffer
and saw him fade away
although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

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Burial

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LaHarpe, Illinois

Memorial Fund

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