



# David Edwin Wilken

August 20, 1947 - May 3, 2019

David Edwin Wilken, age 71, passed away Friday, May 3, 2019 at home in Oviedo, FL. He was born August 20, 1947 to Lewis and Irene Wilken. David was raised in Benton County, Indiana. He attended school at Freeland Park and graduated from Fowler High School.

Mr. Wilken is survived by Carolyn (Russell) Wilken, his wife of 47 years; his children: Sara (Wilken) Hamer and her husband Jeff Hamer of Lenexa, KS; their children, Aidan, Emily and Olivia; Gracie Wilken-Yoder and her husband Cassidy of Oviedo, FL; their children: Käthe and Lilia; Jacob Wilken and his wife Teresa of Ellis, KS; their children: Keighlee, Franklin and Erica.

David was extremely proud of his family and connected with his children daily. He rescued three greyhounds over the years and was interested in raising Amaryllis flowers and bird-watching, particularly Sand Hill Cranes.

He owned Oxford Feed and Grain and Wilken Livestock Equipment in Oxford, IN. His family moved to Manhattan, KS in 1990 where he worked at Kansas State University. In 2001 he moved to Gainesville, FL and was employed at the University of Florida. David retired from the University of Florida in the fall of 2010 and moved to Oviedo, FL.

The family will hold a Celebration and Remembrance in Florida. Followed by future internment in the Fowler Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Advent Health Hospice Care, 480 West Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

# Comments

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“ Carolyn: I read the obituary of David in yesterday's Manhattan Mercury newspaper in Manhattan, KS. I am so sorry for your loss and the grief you and your family are experiencing. I can relate to what you are experiencing as Lois died on May 2, 2017, and my sister, Frances, died on April 22, 2018, in Athens, GA. I am just now beginning to put my life back together again. Give yourself plenty of time to mourn and cry as much and as often as you feel the need. I went through a grief support program and it really helped me understand the grieving process. If you would like to talk with me sometime in the future, please feel free to do so (785-537-1692), or send an email (carolann@ksu.edu).

Be well and stay strong,  
Carol Ann Holcomb, Professor Emerita, Kansas State University

Carol Ann Holcomb - May 13, 2019 at 09:36 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dave's death. My sympathy to you Carolyn and children. I remember a lot of good times with all of you. David told me of his death.

Esther Tingley - May 12, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. We all remember him as a good friend and colleague. We missed him when he left Housing and Dining and moved to Florida. Our thoughts are with you.

Mary Molt and all in Housing and Dining Services at K-State

Mary Molt - May 12, 2019 at 11:53 AM