



## Paul Wesley Wilkerson

February 1, 1957 - September 5, 2023

Paul Wilkerson, of Odessa, TX, passed away on September 5, 2023. He was 66 years old.

Paul was born on February 1, 1957, to parents, Hildred "Hot Shot" and Billie Wilkerson. He thoroughly enjoyed his childhood - growing up with his siblings, aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins. He loved spending holidays and weekends with everyone at his grandparents' home. He also spent a lot of his childhood traveling around the country to be with his dad, who was a pipeliner. He loved being with his dad. As he grew older, he began helping his dad out on the pipeline until finally, he too, became a pipeline operator/ mechanic. He had a blast living in Arkansas driving dump trucks with his friends. Judging from the stories he would tell; he was lucky to have made it through some of his escapades. He was always a handful.

He met Pennie Cozens in January of 1980 when he was out having fun on the

town. They were married on August 9<sup>th</sup> of that year and just celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Paul would always joke that "a few of them were pretty good."

He and Pennie traveled around the country for years with their kids, Ashley and Patrick, as Paul worked on the pipeline. He met and traveled around with numerous friends that he always cherished like family. Later in life, Paul went into business for himself, installing septic systems and doing general backhoe work across the Permian Basin. He also worked as Field Supervisor for the Ector County Utility District.

In November of 2011, Paul's granddaughter, Burklee, was born. She was his true love and he adored her. Burklee could sit around for hours and tell her PaPaw stories that would just crack him up to the point of tears.

Paul's favorite time of the year was the annual Whisenhunt-Wilkerson Family Reunion in Abilene. He loved getting together and sharing memories with all of his cousins, aunts and uncles. Paul packed a lot of living into his 66 years of life. There are many of stories to tell about him. But the best part of him was his heart. It was filled with love and forgiveness. He was blessed with wisdom, and if you ever needed anything he would do all that he could to help you. All of his friends that he met throughout his life can testify to that, he loved them all

dearly.

Paul is survived by his wife, Pennie Wilkerson, of Odessa. His children, Ashley Lawson and her husband, Justin, of Buda, TX, and Patrick Wilkerson, and his wife, Lily, of San Diego, CA. His granddaughter, Burklee Lawson. His sister, Shirley Peterson, and her husband, David. His sister, Debra Gordon, and her husband, Doug. His brother, Brian Wilkerson, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Jerry Don Wilkerson, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins who we know he is having a wonderful reunion with now.

A celebration of life will be held September 8, 2023 at American Heritage Funeral Home at 10:00am.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



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September 08, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Just got back from Paul's service and I must say, it was wonderful! Pastor Leon Billalba described Paul to a T.....funny and true!!!! His children spoke and a few friends. There were so many people there, a lot were standing on the parking lot . It really says a lot about the kind of guy Paul was. It was sad but also lots of laughs. He certainly will be missed. RIP Paul*  
*Ruth Coskrey*

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**Ruth Coskrey** - September 08, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



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September 07, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



September 07, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



September 07, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



September 07, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



September 06, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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“ Riley McCraw Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.



Riley McCraw Family - September 06, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.



September 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM

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“ Roger and Jeanie McCraw and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.



Roger and Jeanie McCraw and family - September 06, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.



September 06, 2023 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Ann Marie, Mark, and Callie And Beverley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Paul Wesley Wilkerson.*



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**Ann Marie, Mark, and Callie And Beverley** - September 06,  
2023 at 03:10 PM