



Woodrow Francis Wilhelm

May 12, 1931 - April 13, 2024

Woodrow Francis Wilhelm, age 92, joined our heavenly Father Saturday April 13, 2024, passing away peacefully at his home.

Woodrow was born May 12, 1931, in Bastrop County. His childhood was spent there, and he graduated from Bastrop High School. He served our country in the Navy after high school. Upon his return from military service, he met his wife, Barbara Elaine Fendley, and they were married in St. Paul Catholic Church in Smithville on November 17, 1956. Shortly thereafter, they moved to San Antonio and remained there until his death.

After his primary vocation of husband and father, his professional vocation was that of being an exquisite finish carpenter. He worked in many homes and businesses throughout San Antonio in major remodeling and restoration projects. He also used these skills to help numerous neighbors, friends, relatives, and parishes with anything related to carpentry. After retiring, he volunteered extensively at St. PJ's Children's Home.

His Catholic faith was vitally important to him. He and his wife were very involved in the life of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and elementary school where all 4 sons attended and graduated. Woodrow and Barbara moved to another part of San Antonio and quickly became very involved at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Woodrow and Barbara enjoyed playing bunco. They were charter members of a couples' bunco group that met for almost 50 years. The group met once a month without fail and would take vacations together every five years. Most of them met originally through the Double Ring Club at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

Woodrow is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Fendley Wilhelm, to whom he was married for over 67 years. He is also preceded in death by his father, Edward Wilhelm, and his mother, Mathilda Klaus Wilhelm, his siblings, Monroe Wilhelm, and Virginia Homann. He is also preceded in death by his beloved son, Neal Alan Wilhelm.

He is survived by 9 siblings, his son Gary, and daughter-in-law Sandi and their children Christopher, Courtney, and Candace; son Kent and daughter-in-law Jeni and their sons Tyler and Evan; and son Rev. Dean E. Wilhelm of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by six great grandchildren.

The family wishes to express immense gratitude to the devoted caregivers from Magnolia Hospice, and especially to loving caregiver Norma Zarceno who became the daughter Woodrow never had. The family is also most appreciative of the pastoral care provided by Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Funeral rites will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. followed by the Rosary at 9:30 A.M. then followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8134 Blanco Road, San Antonio Texas. A reception will take place in the parish hall after the Mass. The burial will follow at 1:30pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, 17501 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in his memory be

made to either St. PJ's Children's Home, 919 Mission Road, San Antonio, Texas (stpjhome.ejoinme.org/stpjhome_donations) or Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8134 Blanco Road, San Antonio, Texas 78216 (www.holyspiritsa.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 9:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
8134 Blanco Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Rosary

APR 22. 9:30 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
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San Antonio, TX

Funeral Mass

APR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
8134 Blanco Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Reception

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
8134 Blanco Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Graveside Service with Military Honors

APR **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Cemetery
17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Our condolences to Fr. Dean and the Wilhelm family. We have been lifting you in prayer since we heard the news last week and will continue to keep you in thought and prayer. Ruth Jilka

Ruth Jilka - April 22, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DC

“ My heart goes out to you, Fr. Dean and the Wilhelm family. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. I know your happy memories will help you through this difficult time. I will keep Mr. Wilhelm and your family in my prayers.

Diane Candler - April 22, 2024 at 12:51 AM

LT

“ My deepest sympathies to Father Dean, the rest of the Wilhelm family and all who are mourning Mr. Wilhelm. May you take comfort in knowing he has joined his wife, son Dean, and other family members who preceded him to their Heavenly home. Lisa Trampota



Lisa Trampota - April 20, 2024 at 08:36 PM

LT

I'm so sorry. I meant to type "Neal."

Lisa Trampota - April 20, 2024 at 08:37 PM

BG

“ *My condolences and prayers to the whole Wilhelm family. So very sorry for the loss of your beloved father. Be comforted in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord.*



Betty Glaser - April 20, 2024 at 04:44 AM

CS

“ *we have loads of memories we shared with Woody & Barbara! spent many fun holidays with lots of laughs! woody always wanted to know if I had been cutting any trees down! He always joked about me and my chain saw! Woody you will be missed! love, thoughts & prayers for the family! John & Cheri Sweet*

cheri Sweet - April 19, 2024 at 10:52 AM

SH

“ *To Fr Dean and all family and others who were close to Mr. Wilhelm, we send sympathy with prayers for abundant comfort in Jesus. Belated sympathy also in the passing of your mother, Fr Dean. We are pleased to remember short acquaintance with you while daughter-in-law Audrey Molidor (Mrs. Andrew) Higgins worked at St William.
Felix and Sandra Goertz Higgins, Fort Worth*

Sandra and Felix Higgins - April 18, 2024 at 05:45 PM