



## Walter "Walt" H. Wileman

October 23, 1933 - April 9, 2020

Walter "Walt" H. Wileman, 86, faithful follower of Christ, loving husband, caring father, grandfather, brother and friend, entered into eternal life on Thursday afternoon, April 9, 2020 following a lengthy illness, at his home in Southlake, Texas.

A private family service will occur on Friday, April 17, 2020 at The Heartland Church in Carrollton, Texas where he was a thirty-five year member. The service will be live-streamed for friends at 1 p.m. Entombment will follow at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Walt's name to Encompass Hospice of DFW, 901 W Rosedale St., Suite 250, Fort Worth, TX, 76104.

Walter Wileman was born October 23, 1933, the second of five children born to the late Edward Wileman and the late Ellen Rankin Wileman in South Bend, Indiana. He would attend school in South Bend, graduating from Clay High School. Being the son of employees of the University, he often joked that he "went through" Notre Dame. When pressed for a time, he would jokingly reply, "When I visited the campus".

Shortly after high school, he would marry Mary Ruth Hazelip on June 27, 1953. For the next sixty-six years, she would be his constant companion, help-mate and supporter. His work with The Associate Corporation of North

America would require their constant transfer and moving. The experience allowed them to live in various cities, most recently Chicago, before settling in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He retired at the age of fifty-nine as Executive Vice President after thirty years of service. Not one to sit still, he would soon become the Founder and CEO of Orion Financial Group, retiring for the second time at the age of seventy-one.

During his entire time in the Dallas area, he was a pillar for his church, The Heartland Church in Carrollton. (Previously Christ Temple in Irving) The Church would benefit from his loyalty, support and leadership. The fellow congregants will be forever thankful for his dedication and faithful service. He would serve as Board Member, Business Administrator, Group Leader and Director of the Primetimers, the seniors group of the church. He oversaw numerous financial campaigns and served as a mentor to many, freely giving advice when requested.

He and Mary Ruth enjoyed many trips and vacations. He was an avid sports fan and faithful follower of "the Fighting Irish". He loved a round of golf, and in his younger days, playing baseball, fastpitch softball and snow skiing.

He and Mary Ruth were residents of Watermere in Southlake for the previous twelve years.

In addition to Mary Ruth, he is survived by children; Steve Wileman, Terri Wileman Katz, Doug Wileman and his spouse Jill, Michael "Mike" Wileman and his spouse Deanne; grandchildren, Joshua Katz and his spouse Kandace, Ashli Katz and her fiancé Byron Blackwood, Whitney Wileman, Wes Wileman, Justin Wileman and his spouse Melinda, Kayla Wileman Sadler, and two great-grandchildren, Aurora and Bobby. Also by his sisters, Janet Rogers and Evelyn Hinton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Billy and George.

Ways to Watch:

1. Online at <https://live.theheartlandchurch.com/>
2. Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hcfamily/>
3. Livestream at <https://livestream.com/heartlandchurch>

Please continue to pray for Mary Ruth Wileman and the entire Wileman family at this time.

# Tribute Wall



“ Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Walt" H. Wileman



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**Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home** - April 16, 2020 at 10:29 AM

HM

*Sweet on and rest in peace. The Mitchell*

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**Herb And Brenda Michell** - April 16, 2020 at 03:58 PM

BA

“ *Walt was an extraordinary friend. I remember him as a person of great humor. Walt always had a delightful story to tell and sometimes you never knew if it were true or not. Not only going to church with him and Mary Ruth, I also worked with him at The Associates, where he was highly admired by all. He was truly a man of great integrity and will be greatly missed.*

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**Brenda Adams** - April 16, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JB

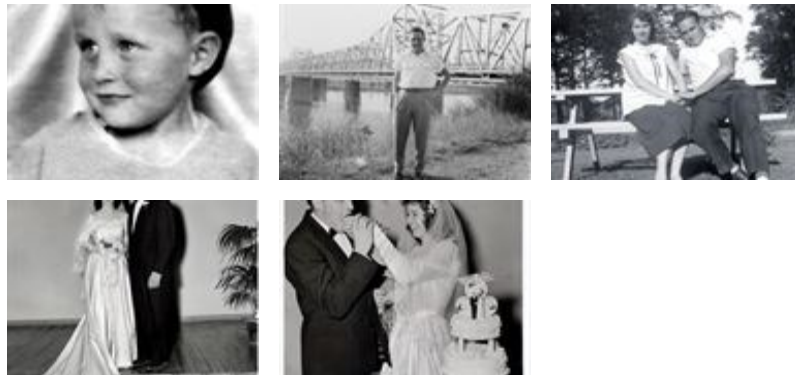
“ I remember Walt as a very compassionate man. He seemed a little gruff on the outside but when I got to know him I realized he was a very kind person. He was strong regarding his convictions and wasn't afraid to voice his opinions. I remember going up to him when he was running for the board at Watermere's second election, giving him a quick hug, and telling him I hoped he was elected. He gave me a big smile. Now he in heaven with Jesus, no more suffering. What a time that will be for all who believe!!

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**judy Barnes** - April 16, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home** - April 15, 2020 at 08:49 PM

PO

“ Fly high with the angels Walt and thank you for always sharing your wisdom, funny stories and infectious laughter. Also, for teaching us to work hard with integrity and honor, making us feel important but most of all to have fun and enjoy life. I will always remember you and smile. Continuous prayers of comfort for your friends and family.

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**Paulette Okonski** - April 15, 2020 at 11:14 AM

BB

“Walt was very kind to me. I first met him at The Associates when I was a 23 year old financial analyst working on a report for a defalcation and Walt stood over my shoulder in my office about 7pm that evening and said to me...."oh what a tangled web we weave, when it is ourselves we try to deceive." While he was referencing the behavior of a branch manager, I have remembered this my entire life. It was a good lesson on integrity that he shared with me. My condolences to the family as Walt will be missed.

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**Brian Bazar** - April 14, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" H. Wileman.



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April 14, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JT

“ To Mary Ruth, Terri, Steve, Doug, & Mike,

*We will always remember how appreciative we were both before and after moving into Watermere in 2011 showing their Villa to us and offering suggestions as to how to best furnish, all the benefits at Watermere, etc.-- we ended up purchasing the same model at the other end of the West Village in Watermere. We will always remember our dinners together with "our group," Walt's sense of humor, some of his "jokes" some of which I can't repeat here, our discussions about Notre Dame Athletics--and above all, his contributions to Watermere and his tireless work and research in all areas, i. e. Declarations, By-Laws, Rules, Policies, State Statutes, etc. to make things better for all of the residents.*

*God Bless to you all*

*John & Lynn Twining*

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**John Twining** - April 14, 2020 at 10:48 AM

DB

“ *Had the pleasure of working for Mr. Wileman as his secretary at Associates until he retired. Great boss. So sad to hear about his passing. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

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**Drenda Broussard** - April 13, 2020 at 09:32 PM

LC

“ Walt was one of Watermere’s great contributors. He understood the complex Developer legal documents. He kept working to be sure the residents got a fair deal during the Developer to Resident transition process. He also worked with the City of Southlake to get a traffic light on Southlake Blvd. and Watermere Dr.  
I also enjoyed our golfing days and since we were both Lefties, we got to ride together several times. We never bet on the golf course; but, if we had I would sure want to be on his team.

*Lee Crandall*

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**Lee Crandall** - April 13, 2020 at 03:29 PM

JF

“ Walt wanted the best for Watermere. He attended all meetings and offered suggestions frequently. A great resident. Joan Flynn

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**Joan Flynn** - April 13, 2020 at 03:19 PM