



Mr. George C. Wilkerson

June 27, 1958 - October 26, 2023

George C. Wilkerson, 65, of Salem, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2023, in his barn doing what he loved, trimming horses.

He was born June 27, 1958 in Breese, the son of George C. Wilkerson, Sr. and Odetta (Eblin) Wilkerson. He married Marikay Taylor in August of 1990 and she preceded him in death on June 29, 2016.

George is survived by his special friend and companion: Jennifer Newman of Alma; his four children: Brent Taylor and wife Kendra of Salem, Sara Ulrey and husband Mike of Salem, Matt Taylor and fiancé A.J. Smith of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and Jesse Wilkerson and fiancé Leanna Meyer of Keysport; six grandchildren: Charlee, Jaq, Seth, Emma, John and Bailey; three sisters: Sarah Wilkerson of Newton, Polly Wilkerson and husband Gene Cook of Salem, and Ruby Willison of Harrisburg; several nieces and nephews; and extended family and clients.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

George worked as a Farrier. He served the surrounding areas for nearly 40 years. He was a true horse whisperer and would always greet his clients with a smile.

George was an avid reader. He enjoyed going deer hunting and going horseback riding. He served as a Shriner and a Mason. George also served on the Local Laborers and the Operating Engineers Local 520.

George was a Man of God. Family was George's biggest priority in his life, no matter what was going on he would always be right there. He cherished the memories and time he was able to spend with his family, friends, and his four-legged companion: Miz Bleu and horse: Scout.

Per George's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a Visitation will be held Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home in Salem. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital in St. Louis, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and/or Wounded Warriors and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home at 310 North Broadway/ PO Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, who is honored to be of service to George's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. George C. Wilkerson*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - November 03, 2023 at 05:19 PM



What a beautiful tribute to George. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Joy Toler Thompson - November 08, 2023 at 12:23 PM

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“ In loving memory of my cousin George Wilkerson

"A COWBOYS LAST REQUEST"

By Terry Ike Clanton 6-15-00 copyright 2000

*Let me tell you folks
Who have gathered here today
That I'm a proud and thankful cowboy
Who has just passed away*

*I know it's hard
But, please don't cry
Fer I'm now ridin' Gods trails
High up in the sky*

*The hoss I'm ridin' now
Don't spook, buck or kick
Fer God stables perfect horses
And now I have my pick*

*Lord, please forgive me of all my sins
Fer I haven't been perfect
But I know that he who believes in You
Forever wins!*

*I have lived a good life
A cowboys dream come true
Thank You Lord,
Fer I'm now ready to ride into eternity
Me, my horse, and You.*

Brian Wilkerson - November 05, 2023 at 12:31 AM

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“ *The best has gone first. This wasn't the way we planned but. I love you so very much and was so impressed and proud of you and your ability with horses. Love your Sister Sarah*

Sarah Wilkerson - November 04, 2023 at 09:31 AM

AE

My condolences to you and your family. I just saw the obituary in the Okawville Times. Memories of you both from high school. So sorry for your loss ...

Annette Eade - November 30, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. George C. Wilkerson.*



November 02, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. George C. Wilkerson.*

November 02, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *George was such a kind man!*

Allison Magnus - October 29, 2023 at 05:11 PM