



Everett Duane Wilnerd

August 7, 1934 - September 4, 2018

Obituary for Everett “Tiny” Duane Wilnerd

Known by most as “Tiny,” Everett Duane Wilnerd lived nothing short of a giant life.

Everett started that life on August 7, 1934, being born to parents Odes and Nellie (Earlly) Wilnerd outside of Norton, Kansas.

Everett qualified as a state wrestler while attending Norton Community Schools, from which he graduated in 1951. Upon graduating, he first earned the nickname “Tiny” while working for the State of Kansas Regional Highway Department. It was during this period that Everett met the “catch” of his life, Fort Hays State student, Carolyn Ann Base.

Everett then joined the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956; he was stationed in Germany for almost a year. After returning from Germany, he immediately took two giant steps: First, he rejoined the Highway Department and second, he got “hooked” on October 27, 1956 to then teacher, Carolyn Ann Base in Pawnee Rock, Kansas. To this union, a school of seven fish were hatched, including two sets of twins: Susan, Craig & Carol, Lauri, Amy & Andy, and the youngest fry, Scott.

Upon leaving the highway department, Everett joined the crew at Gall Motors

in Norton as a mechanic. But “Tiny” had bigger fish to fry and game to hunt; which is what led him to Jetmore, Kansas where he began his long career as a game warden with Kansas Fish and Game; today known as Kansas Wildlife and Parks. He and his family were later transferred to Howard, Kansas where Everett was given the territories of Elk, Chatauqua and part of Greenwood counties to patrol.

During his career, Everett was known as a man of justice, fairness, and kindness by those he ticketed and those he taught. One of his greatest joys was to teach Hunter Safety Courses for young and old alike. He is fondly remembered for his humor, his many escapades with other officers and the public, and the infamous “robo” deer.

After retiring in January 1997, Everett and Carolyn began traveling and became heavily involved in various activities like those with the American Legion, the Howard United Methodist Church, Elk County Kids Wrestling, Kansas Peace Officers Association and scoping out garage sales.

After a lengthy recovery period, Everett died peacefully on September 4, 2018 in Eureka, Kansas.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents, his step-dad, Dallas Johnson, his son, Scott Wilnerd, and daughter Amy Kitchens, Sisters Mildred Catlett and Joyce Alley, brothers-in-law Lanny Harvey, Larry Base, and Gene Alley, sister-in-law Vi Base, and sons-in-law Joseph Galvan and Carl Kitchens.

Survivors include wife, Carolyn of the home, daughters Susan Galvan and Carol Hernandez, both from Howard, KS, and daughter Lauri Brownfield of Blanchard, Iowa, sons Craig (Tracillia) Wilnerd of Wichita, Kansas and Andy Wilnerd of Kansas City, Mo., brother-in-law Steve (Elva) Base of Owasso, OK and sister-in-law Betty Harvey of Garden City, Kansas, 10 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be Saturday, September 8, at 11:00 am at the Howard United Methodist Church with Pastor Kibum Kim officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 7 from 5-7 pm at Countryside Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials to Carter-Rader Post #149 and the Howard United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be left at countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Howard United Methodist Church
815 E. Randolph
Howard, KS 67349

Tribute Wall

CT

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace at this sad time in your lives. Bob and Cleo Thomas

Cleona Thomas - September 08, 2018 at 09:10 AM

SB

“ Lord, please help me to express in words how much Elva & I Loved Everett/Tiny/Bud Wilnerd.!

Here's a Man, that shortly after returning from Germany while in the Army, took me, an 11 year old boy along with him & Carolyn, (b-4 they were married), to the river for an afternoon. Took me along to a Globetrotters basketball game in Great Bend & thrilled me with the "streetcar bell" he had installed under the floorboard of his car.

Everett never met a stranger! We went to hundreds of garage sales and he would engage in a conversation with someone virtually every time. Oh my, did we have fun! We would garage sale all day, then stay up and talk until the wee hours of the morning, (3:00 a.m.was our record). Gag gifts for any of the four of us were hilarious. For example, Everett & Lanny splinting their fingers when Elva had injured hers. You didn't dare ever tell Everett about something silly you had dreamed or done. It,for sure was going to come back at you.

More than anything, we Love him for making my Sister Carolyn happy for more than 60 years. Everett lost the "in-law tag" years ago. We're very proud to call him Brother. For years, I've gone thru every day, seeing, hearing, finding something and thinking I've got to see what Everett thinks about that. He could find the humor in anything. Some comedian is famous for saying "Leave Them Laughing"! When the tears finally stop; that's precisely what you have done!

steve Base - September 07, 2018 at 08:56 PM

DC

“ Everett and Carolyn were close to our family. Carol and Craig were my classmates and friends. Laura was my sister, Irene's age. I remember the strength Everett gave to his family. My grandmother was also their "babysitter" for years. My heart breaks for this family. Love to all of you.

Debbie (Cookson) Carrell - September 07, 2018 at 01:37 PM

JE

“ Judy & Estal lit a candle in memory of Everett Duane Wilnerd



Judy & Estal - September 07, 2018 at 11:34 AM

JR

“ Jan Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Duane Wilnerd



Jan Robinson - September 07, 2018 at 09:11 AM

JR

Susan and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May God comfort your family at this time, which I know is very hard.

Jan Robinson - September 07, 2018 at 09:12 AM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Everett Duane Wilnerd*



Chip&Nancy Crum - September 07, 2018 at 07:47 AM

JA

“ *Having worked with Tiny as a fellow Warden I have many memories of him. Tiny was always a kind fun loving individual. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wilnerd family at this very difficult time.*

*Jerry Almquist
Retired Game Warden (McPherson, Kansas)*

Jerry Almquist - September 06, 2018 at 05:03 PM

AF

“ *Thinking of all members of the Wilnerd family with fond memories from my childhood. From babysitting 6 children as my first summer job to cookouts, Howard Christian Church, lots of fun and laughter with The Game Warden and the Highway Patrolman, getting my fishing license checked and mostly just a “good family”. May Everett Rest In Peace and go fishing with Wendall in heaven.*

Ava DeLong Farid - September 06, 2018 at 10:38 AM

LM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for you and yours. Sorry for your loss.*

Leisa Meisch - September 06, 2018 at 09:46 AM

CR

“ Everett was such a joy to be around...full of life and much humor who brought a smile every time I saw him. He will be remembered as a very kind hearted man and truly missed in our community. Carolyn and family,, remember "Sorrow is not forever, Love is"

Charmaine Ryan

Charmaine Ryan - September 06, 2018 at 07:34 AM

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“ Doreen Rogers (Johnson) sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Duane Wilnerd



Doreen Rogers (Johnson) - September 06, 2018 at 12:42 AM

SS

“ Sylvia Spurrier Stites lit a candle in memory of Everett Duane Wilnerd



Sylvia Spurrier Stites - September 05, 2018 at 10:57 PM

LS

“ *Tiny was always upbeat and kept things interesting. He was a good warden, good man and good friend. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered at the same time.*

*Larry Stones
Retired Game Warden
Phillips County*

Larry Stones - September 05, 2018 at 10:22 PM

SH

“ *I have so many fond memories of both Mr. and Mrs. Wilnerd from church. He was a wonderful role model and will be missed greatly.*



Stefni Hebb - September 05, 2018 at 09:54 PM

RF

“ *Restoration Point Church Family purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Everett Duane Wilnerd.*



Restoration Point Church Family - September 05, 2018 at 05:04 PM