



## Mike Wilkerson

September 22, 1950 - December 26, 2022

Michael Layne Wilkerson, 72, of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Friday, December 30, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Daniel Koehn officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. service time on Friday.

Mike was born in Glasgow, Kentucky to Finis and Lou Birdia Wilkerson, the tenth of eleven children. He was raised in the Barren County community of Austin, was a proud graduate of Austin Tracy High School, and a lifelong member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Upon graduation, Mike moved to Frankfort to work for the Department of Agriculture and ultimately retired from the Division of Shows and Fairs after 30 years of service. He made immeasurable contributions to the field of agriculture, in Kentucky and beyond, particularly on behalf of the dairy industry. His family has fond memories of joining along during his annual assignments working the Kentucky State Fair and North American International Livestock Exposition. In retirement, he enjoyed work on his own small farm in Anderson County where he tended to his cattle, garden and crops.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Maggie Tackett Wilkerson; sons, Layne Wilkerson (Natalie) of Frankfort, Kentucky and Kenny Wilkerson (Courtney) of Lexington, Kentucky; daughter, Jeanne Parrish (Keith) of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky; siblings, Lou Jean Jewell, Orville Wilkerson (Joyce), Evelyn Billingsley (Ray), Jan Groce (Bobby), Donald Wilkerson (Wanda), all of Barren County, Kentucky. He was most proud of his six grandchildren, Margaret, Amelia, Charlotte, Ross, Molly, and Calvin Wilkerson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert, Richard, Hugh and Clifton Wilkerson, and sister, Sandra Wilkerson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tim Wilkerson, Todd Billingsley, Chris Billingsley, Clay Groce, Danny Shipley, Stewart Gritton, Jim Claycomb, and Keith Parrish. Honorary pallbearers are Bruce Groce, Brad Groce, Jeff Wilkerson, Betsy DeKoster, and Cecil Goodlett.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Fund, 1032 Austin Tracy Road, Lucas, Kentucky 42156, or the Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene in Frankfort.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-2403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mike Wilkerson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Maggie lit a candle in memory of Mike Wilkerson*



**maggie** - December 31, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Praying for the Wilkerson family at the loss their husband, father & grandfather.*

**Debbie Kimbrough** - December 30, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *May loving memories sustain you and your loved ones during this time.*

**Lynn Daniel Cruz** - December 30, 2022 at 04:10 AM

WB

“ I am so sorry form your loss. Mike made me fill at home as a new employee of the Dept. of Agriculture when I arrived at age 43. I will always be indebted to him for welcoming me and mentoring me those early years. Mike a wonderful man that was always professional and a great example of how to get your work done. The last time I seen him he told me to come sit on the porch with him. I never did and will always wished I had. Prayers from our family to yours. May the peace of Christ be with you. Warren Beeler

Warren Beeler - December 29, 2022 at 05:46 PM

BW

I feel heartbroken for all of you! Mike was my favorite in a lot of ways! He always showed his love for me and my girls! I will never forget him!

Bobby Shipley Watten - December 29, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JC

Mike I will miss Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays at Kenny and Courtney's with the kids and all you guys I will miss you Mike and the fun times we've had at Kenny's and Courtney's Courtney's aunt Jackie

Jackie Cote - December 30, 2022 at 02:46 AM

DS

Mike was a great friend to me since first grade. Always a lot of fun to be with.

Danny Shipley - December 30, 2022 at 07:29 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - December 29, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ Sending our deepest condolences to the entire Wilkerson family. Mike was such a character and will be missed by so many. Mom and I will miss him and miss talking to him -- he always made us laugh. Sincerely, Kristy and Betty (Granny)



Kristy Standifer - December 29, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ Maggie, i am so sorry for your loss. I've know Mike since 1st grade at Austin-Tracy. We went thru 12 years of school at Austin-Tracy & 4 years at Murray State. I'll always remember the wonderful times we had playing basketball at A-T. After graduation we kinda grew apart. He went to one end of the state & i went to the other. Our prayers to you & your family. Joel & Rhonda Tracy

Joel & Rhonda Tracy - December 29, 2022 at 07:31 AM

BP

*Maggie and family I am so sorry of your loss of Mike. I went to school for 12 years with Mike. He was my first high school sweetheart. He went to college and I went to cosmetology school. We went our separate ways. He was a special guy and I'm glad he found you to love him for almost 50 years. Prayers for you and your family.*  
*Becky Toms Peden*

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**Becky Toms Peden** - December 29, 2022 at 05:41 PM

TB

“ *Maggie, my heart, love, and prayers for you and yours. I'm so sorry.*



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**Terre Brothers** - December 29, 2022 at 12:28 AM

JP

“ *Judy Penn lit a candle in memory of Mike Wilkerson*



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**Judy Penn** - December 28, 2022 at 10:34 PM

JP

*Maggie so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to all.*

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**Judy Penn** - December 28, 2022 at 10:35 PM

PB

*Maggie, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Pam Burns*

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**Pam Burns** - December 29, 2022 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ I’ve known the Wilkerson family my entire life, Mt Olivet and Austin Tracy connection, but I don’t recall seeing Mike after he graduated in 1968. My condolences to his family.

**Brenda Bush** - December 28, 2022 at 08:31 PM

WS

So very sorry to hear. Prayers for the family.

**Wanda Settle** - December 29, 2022 at 02:20 AM

GB

“ Maggie and all the Wilkerson family, sending our deepest condolences and prayers to you.  
Georgie & Earl Burton

**Georgeann Burton** - December 28, 2022 at 08:01 PM

FW

Condolences to the whole family.

James & Freida Webb

**Freida Webb** - December 28, 2022 at 09:38 PM

DG

My deepest condolences to Layne, Natalie, and the entire Wilkerson family in the loss of your loved one! The First Baptist Church Frankfort send prayers of comfort and strength to you!

Dr. Rosby Glover, Sr. Pastor

**Dr. Rosby Glover** - December 29, 2022 at 06:22 AM