



Robert Wylie Parden

March 13, 1929 - August 23, 2020

Wylie slipped from his earthly life August 23, 2020 to his heavenly Father. Robert Wylie Parden, Jr., born March 13, 1929 in Atlanta, GA to the late Dora Ready King and Robert Wylie Parden, Sr.

Wylie grew up in Oakland City and attended Boy's High School. He worked at different jobs until he went to work with Delta Airlines. He was with Delta for 38 years. He enjoyed his work at Delta and made many friends. He enjoyed basketball and followed Georgia Tech. He attended all the games at Georgia Tech and followed the team in the play offs as long as he was able. His other love was Golf. He played in Men's Delta Golf tournaments for many years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth "Libba" Boles Parden; his five children, Jane Hanes and husband Steve, Russell Parden, David and wife Suzanne, Sam Parden, Jack and wife Cheryl; stepchildren, Sharon Sharpe and husband Warren, Carol Martin and husband Edward, John Boles and wife Kelly. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his stepson Walter E. Boles, Jr. and stepdaughter Karen Fikes.

He was loved by a large family. He and Libba had a combined family of 10 children, 28 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

He was a member of Cornerstone United Methodist Church and the Seekers Sunday School Class. He loved attending church and Sunday school class. All the Seekers class loved him and he them.

The funeral service celebrating Wylie's life is Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 2956 Sharpsburg McCullum Road, in Newnan with Dr. Scott Pickering officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until service time at the church. Burial will follow the service at Peachtree Memorial Park in Norcross, GA. Serving as pallbearers will be Josh Britt, Zackery Parden, Scott Martin, Justin Martin, Ryan Boles and Jake Boles.

In lieu of flowers the family asks the memorial contributions to be made in Wylie's name to either of his two favorite charities, Boy's Town or St. Jude. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Peachtree Memorial Park

5051 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30092

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cornerstone United Methodist Church
2956 Sharpsburg McCollum Road
Newnan, GA 30265
(770) 304-9397
<http://www.cornerstoneumc.com>

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Wylie is a true Delta Legend, a Hero of mine, and a very dear friend! He is one of the first people I met when I transferred into Crew Scheduling In 1985. He introduced himself and asked me if I knew Roy “Cuz” Bray and I told that was my uncle. He told me that he knew my aunt Anne and Cuz before they we’re married. And that they were friends and neighbors in both Hapeville and Jonesboro. A few years later I had the privilege to work with Wylie in Crew Resources-Pilot Vacations! Wylie was Mr. Delta Pilot Vacations! I also cherish the memories of sharing (Bob Lewis’) GT season basketball tickets for many years with Wylie and Libba. There is so many Wylie stories that are flooding my mind at this very moment! I like the ones Lynn, John, and Baker have shared! Here’s a couple more, pilots use to say, I got a quick question for you, Wylie would respond, I don’t care how quick it is just make it simple! One day after we moved from the field to the G.O. 4th floor OC2, a pilot asked Wylie how he like working at the G.O. He said it’s alright we got new computers, new chairs, carpet on the floor, the only thing is they robbed me of one of my favorite benefits. And the pilot asked what’s that? Wylie responded, seeing the pilot’s face when I tell him no! He loved to kid with pilots and they loved him! There will never be another Wylie! He will be terribly missed by everybody that knew him! Libba and the entire family, I am Praying that Jesus will give you the Peace that only He can give you at your time of need!

Ken Bray - August 25, 2020 at 04:03 PM

LR

“ My very first job at Delta 32 years, 6 months, and 24 days ago was working with Wylie and awarding pilot vacations. I was 19 years old and loved every minute working with Wylie. I remember taking over the vacation process once it was automated and can still hear Wylie say "E-gads, look at all them colors." I still use his advice that he told me with awarding bids, "if you do every other one, it will take you half as long." I still say it today. This is my last week at Delta before retiring, and I will be there tomorrow to say my goodbyes to him. He was my vacation hero and will be missed and remembered by me forever.

Lynn Roper

Lynn Roper - August 25, 2020 at 01:46 PM

BZ

“ It was my extreme honor to work with Wylie in my early years with Delta on automating the pilot vacation system. His knowledge of that system and all of its intricacies was amazing and exacting. He always was patient and kind and his sense of humor made work more fun than should be allowed. His 'Wylieisms' reminds me of Yogi Berra, funny but profound. His contribution to Delta can't be measured. He personified Delta at its finest. He will be missed.

Bill Zink

Bill Zink - August 25, 2020 at 12:51 PM

JA

“ I had the honor and privilege of working with Wylie for many years at Delta. He was a very committed person.. first to God, his family and to his career at Delta. Wylie and I shared a love for GA Tech. One of my most cherished memories is our families traveling together to Tucson to see Tech play basketball in the sweet sixteen one year. We couldn't get out of Tucson on a pass, so we drove to Phoenix to get back to Atlanta. Fond memories. Wylie will be truly missed by everyone who ever knew him. He loved his family unconditionally.

John, Alexa and Sam Andrews

John Andrews - August 25, 2020 at 12:14 PM

BS

“ Libba,
Wylie was a great friend when I entered Flight Operations in September of 1988. His work ethic and quick wit will always be remembered. One notable remark was "I will never forget old what's his name."

I spent some time playing golf with Wylie in the Delta Golf Tournament over the years.

I was glad to find out he lived close to me and we ran into each other several times in Tyrone, Ga. He had an infectious personality and was a fine man. I will miss him.

Baker Stearns

Baker Stearns - August 25, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ I have known Wiley since I was twelve years old and he was a wonderful and honorable man. He loved his family and friends. He was a dedicated employee of Delta and was there if you needed him. The beach was his happy place. I am going to miss him and his wonderful voice. RIP Wiiey.

Vicki Shockley - August 25, 2020 at 01:18 AM

EE

“ *Wylie was an honorable man, I am indebted to him for a point of help during our 38 Delta years..Ed Evans*

Ed Evans - August 24, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Robert Wylie Parden.*



August 24, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Robert Wylie Parden.*



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