



W. Scott Wilson

February 10, 1933 - October 28, 2017

Walter Scott Wilson ---- Financier, community leader, naturalist and mentor to many, Wilson was one of the most widely known and highly respected figures in this section of the State. In addition to occupying the office of President and Chairman of the Bank of Coweta, he was prominent in the social and civic affairs of his surroundings, being identified with many of the leading clubs and societies.

Walter Scott Wilson was born and reared in Newnan, Georgia on February 10, 1933, a son of Leonard Suttle and Lura Toliver Wilson. He was named for his paternal Grandfather who was a member of the 53rd North Carolina Regiment in the US Civil War.

Wilson graduated from Newnan High School in 1951, joining the US Navy the same year. He served in the Navy Reserve until 1954, and in active duty until 1956 when he was honorably discharged. He married Billie Zane Pitts of Grantville, Georgia in 1952, spending their first year of marriage in Norfolk, Virginia during Wilson's naval assignment. After leaving Norfolk, he and Billie Zane returned to Newnan, Georgia where he began his first association with the Manufacturers National Bank, later becoming the First National Bank of Newnan. While working at the bank during the day, he attended Georgia University at night, graduating in 1960. He later attended the Louisiana School of Banking, finishing in 1964.

In 1972, Wilson joined several other prominent Newnan visionaries in the formation of The Bank of Coweta. Wilson became and remained the bank's

President between 1972 and 1993 at which time he was elected Chairman of the Board. He was later appointed Chairman Emeritus upon his retirement. His lifelong love of Central Baptist Church began in 1938 where he became a member. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Troup 57 Scout Leader and Silver Beaver Award Winner, and a leader of the Myrtle Arnall Mann Sunday School Class.

Socially Wilson is identified with several of the leading clubs of the community. He served as the President of the Newnan Rotary Club, President of the Newnan Country Club, Atlanta City Club Board of Governors, Atlanta Commerce Club, Newnan Civitan Club and the Newnan Elks Club.

Commercially he served as President and Director of the Newnan Chamber of Commerce where he received the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award, a Director of Synovus Securities, President of the Newnan United Way fund drive, and was associated with the Newnan-Coweta Planning Commission, Newnan Little League, Georgia Bankers Association and Conference of State Bank Supervisors. Educationally Wilson served on the Coweta County Board of Education from 1965 to 1980, and served as a member of West Georgia College Advisory Board.

A love of birds, trees, mountains and nature in general called Wilson to hike the Appalachian Trail in its entirety. Hiking in sections over a period of 18 years, he took weekends, then weeks, finally finishing the trail in a 600-mile, six-week journey with good friend Bill Headley at the Northern Terminus in Maine in 1997. So proud of his completion, he presented countless slide shows to many groups, touting the merits of hiking and being in the great outdoors.

Despite his involvement in civic and social affairs, family always came first for Wilson. He was intrinsically proud of his family heritage, often visiting Virginia and North Carolina where his parents were born. He was affectionately known as "Daddo" to his grandchildren and many of their friends. He is predeceased by his parents, his wife of 62 years, Billie Zane, his brother Leonard Suttle Wilson, Jr., his sisters Virginia Wilson Holbrook and Elizabeth (Love)

Cutchshaw, and his grandson John Thomas Newton, III. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Fuller, three children, Harriet Wilson (John T.) Newton, Jr. of Griffin, Georgia, Walter Scott (Janet Hart) Wilson, Jr. of New Orleans, Louisiana, and James Pitts Wilson of Newnan. Wilson is also survived by grandchildren, Ann Trammell Newton, Emily Zane Wilson, Toliver Hart Wilson and Hamilton Cole Wilson, his sister Carolyn (Pie) Burson and many nieces and nephews.

The memorial service is Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 11 AM at Central Baptist Church, 14 W. Broad Street, in Newnan with Dr. Joel Richardson & Rev. Matt Sapp officiating. The family will receive friends following the service at the church in the fellowship hall.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Scott's memory to Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1221, Newnan, GA. 30264.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Visitation

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Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of W. Scott Wilson.*



November 03, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *Harriett, Scott, & Pitts,
So sorry to hear bout Mr. Scott passing. It was always such a pleasure talking to him over the years. I could always count on seeing him and your Mom at Uncle Feller's Christmas Eve and often talked about hiking the AT.*

Speak him name often to keep the memories alive.

Angela Smith Alexander

Angela Alexander - November 03, 2017 at 12:06 PM

PB

“ *I was sorry to hear of Scott's passing and could not attend his Memorial service. He was such a good friend to us especially to my husband Wilson who along with several others attended the Thursday morning breakfasts for several years. We held him in very high esteem as did many others and were blessed to have counted him as a friend. Our circle as we get older continues to get smaller but we will see each other one day. God bless you Scott.*

patsy bernhard - November 02, 2017 at 07:55 PM

RS

“ Mr Scott always treated me kindly and genuine friendship. He always made me feel welcome and included in the community for all these 25 years. He always had a smile and firm handshake accompanied by *How are you Robert.*” He was a great man and his legacy shall bear fruits for our community for years to come.

robert stokely - November 02, 2017 at 05:12 PM

GP

“ Newnan has lost another great leader and is a better place because of Mr. Scott's investment in it. Our prayers to Harriett, Scott and Pitts and the rest of the family.

Gene Prince, Jr.

Gene Prince - November 02, 2017 at 04:48 PM

AB

“ I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that Mr Wilson presented to me in 1974. Being a part of the Bank of Coweta that Mr Wilson brought to fruition is one of sincere pride and steeped in that pride was being able to say that we worked for and with one of the greatest leaders Coweta County has had. Mr Wilson loved our community and always strived for making something better than before. He brought innovation and technology to our community whether thru new initiatives at the bank, Coweta County School Board, Chamber of Commerce, and so many other organizations that were fortunate enough to have had his expertise. He taught us the value of working hard and making a positive impact in the lives of others - Courtesy is Contagious and he lived this - always smiling, having a kind word for others, and genuinely listening. One side note but of extreme importance is that Mr Wilson taught us to always be the first in line for food as you never knew when it might run out! Scott Wilson showed us how to make work fun! Mr Wilson loved sharing his childhood adventures, his love for Ms Billie Zane, his pride in Harriet, Scott, and Pitts and subsequently his love for his beautiful grandchildren. He was the patriarch of the Bank of Coweta family and he so loved his banking family as well.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you work to mend a heart broken by the loss of such a wonderful man - and Mr Wilson may you continue to "Soar with the Eagles"!

All our love - Anne and Lauren Bell

Anne Bell - November 01, 2017 at 08:57 PM

FH

“ I worked with Scott nine years at Bank of Coweta, however, I had known him many years prior to that . Scott lived his life to the fullest. He was a true friend and mentor to so many and I know for Scott the best is yet to come. (And yes Scott I did proof read this.)

Frankie Howard - November 01, 2017 at 04:29 PM

LH

“ *Pitts, there are just no words I can say to ease the pain. Your dad was an outstanding man, father, and citizen of our community. He will be missed and remembered. Prayers for your entire family.*
Linda Huff

Linda Huff - November 01, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *I have known Scott since 1965 when I moved to Newnan. Worked with him at First National Bank and later came with him to start Bank of Coweta. Working with Scott was a joy and an adventure! He made our BOC place of employment a warm caring environment. We were family. After retirement we all continued to meet for lunch, it felt like a family reunion. Scott has been a boss, a friend and a mentor to me. We will miss him. My prayers go to his family as you grieve.*
Marie Umbach

Marie Umbach - November 01, 2017 at 08:54 AM

TS

“ *I know Mr. Scott will be missed. I so wish I had known when he made it to Damascus, VA, on the Appalachian Trail (Creeper Trail), as I live only 10 miles from Damascus. I would have loved to see him. Harriette, Scott and Pitts, you are in my prayers. Fathers are special.*

Teresa Garmany Sanders - October 31, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of W. Scott Wilson.



October 31, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ Mr. Scott and family provided the Freeman family with many wonderful memories! I was fortunate to get to speak with Mr. Scott a few weeks ago while in Newnan. I pray each one of you feel the Lord's loving arms around you as you lay your father to rest and during the weeks and months to come. 🙏

Charlsie Freeman Sprewell

Charlsie Sprewell - October 31, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ Condolences for the Wilson family. I am sorry for your loss and pray for you all as you grieve. Scott and Pitts, very sorry to hear the news.

Hank Williams - October 31, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My children and I only got to meet Scott a few times (Sandra is my aunt), but Scott was already a very good friend to my 14 year old son, Will. The two of them were definitely kindred spirits. I'm grateful we got to know him.

Jennifer Parker - October 31, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ Garden Cross was purchased for the family of W. Scott Wilson.



October 31, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ Scott your father will be missed. He always seemed just a little larger than life. He was a blessing to the community. I am keeping you all in my prayers. Beth Spradlin Pitts

Beth Pitts - October 31, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ Mr. Scott was my lifelong friend, mentor, Sunday School teacher, and so much more to me. I will dearly miss him, and pray God keeps his loving family in His hands in the days and years to come. God Bless you Mr. Scott. They don't make em like you anymore.

Bob Blackburn - October 31, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ I am so glad that I saw Scott a couple of weeks ago and got to stroll down memory lane for a few minutes. In 1965, I went to work at Manufactures National Bank and Scott was my boss. A year after Bank of Coweta opened, I went to work for him there until his retirement. He was one of a kind and I am so glad that I had the privilege of knowing him and his family. He was my family too! Gail Carnes

Gail Carnes - October 31, 2017 at 02:38 PM

DJ

“ *Dear Sandra and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Scott's death. We had many dealings with Scott at both banks that he worked. He and his family were friends with us and our Family.
May the Good Lord give you peace, love and contentment during this very difficult time.
God loves you and we do too,
Don and Mildred Jones*

Don and Mildred Jones - October 31, 2017 at 02:20 PM

BS

“ *I first met Scott when I was the photographer for the Times-Herald. When we had the opportunity to buy Joe Norman's studio, my first call was to Scott. He was an invaluable asset to us at the beginning with his business advice. Over the ensuing 37 years he was a faithful customer and friend. The last time I saw him was at his wedding to Sandra. It was such a happy occasion and that is how I will remember him, happy and surrounded by his family. A good man and a good life well lived.*

Bob & Georgia Shapiro - October 31, 2017 at 01:41 PM

RM

“ Scott Wilson was a leader among the business, civic, educational and faith based community of Coweta County. To emulate his legacy will be a daunting task but, we must all strive to do our best to carry on. I will miss seeing him, always greeting me with a warm handshake and a positive word. Who among us has accomplished so much in this town. Thank you Scott for choosing to live out your life in this community. You absolutely made Newnan and Coweta County a better place than you found it. While few can duplicate your achievements, we all have an obligation to follow in your footsteps. God bless you for all you have done to improve the lives of so many and God bless your family.

Rick & Rita Melville - October 30, 2017 at 05:43 PM

JW

“ Scott was my Great Uncle, and he was always so gracious and welcoming at family gatherings. I didn't see him that often, but when I did, he made a point to include me in things. I remember him letting me take the controls of a big bass boat on West Point Lake when I was pretty young. Lots of family reunions and gatherings he hosted, usually with lots of Wilson family singing. At one of those reunions, I remember him taking extra time to chat with my then-girlfriend, because they were both diabetic. And in later years, we bonded over Civil War history and our family connection to that.

Sorry i can't be there for the services, but I and my family will be thinking of Scott and the family.

*-- Jim Wilson
Springfield, Virginia*

Jim Wilson - October 30, 2017 at 11:06 AM

FF

“ *Shocked and sad to hear about Mr. Scott. Our prayers are with all of the family. Mr. Scott did so much for Newnan and Coweta County. He will be missed.*
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK FARMER - October 30, 2017 at 10:24 AM

MA

“ *Great American. Great Husband&Father. Great Businessman. Great Friend. Thx Scott.*

matt - October 30, 2017 at 09:54 AM

JW

“ *Scott's friendship over the past 40 years has meant a lot me. He was always kind to include me in many of his adventures of hiking, camping and boating. I was an early Bank of Coweta customer and considered him my role model as a businessman and community citizen. Scott always called me "Pal" and I'll miss him.*

Joe Williams

joe Williams - October 30, 2017 at 08:31 AM

KC

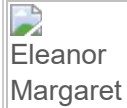
Scott has been my friend since 1966. A good man and a good friend. He is a loss to many and will be missed by his friends. RIP Scott. Keith Crosby

Keith Crosby - October 31, 2017 at 05:06 PM

LA

“ *I ❤️ scott you so much. I miss you*

laurenbell - October 29, 2017 at 11:54 PM



Eleanor
Margaret

“ *My favorite memory would be the night we all spent at Mama Lucia’s enjoying a great meal and conversation. Mr. Scott kept my grandmother smiling that entire night. He will be missed dearly.*

Eleanor Margaret - October 29, 2017 at 08:35 PM

LD

I'm so sorry to hear about Scott. I've known him for many, many years beginning at the old First National Bank, then to Bank of Coweta. I will never forget one morning at BOC we all dressed up for Halloween, I went to the window where they were meeting and smiled and all turned around and I read their lips saying "Who is that?" Then I worked with Sandra at the Newnan Presbyterian Church. I know he and Sandra didn't have a lot of time together, but I heard they were very happy. Sandra, I'm so sorry to you and to the rest of Scott's family. May God give you the peace that you need at this time. Love to you all, Linda Denney

Linda M. Denney - October 30, 2017 at 10:29 AM

LL

Mr Wilson was the best boss ever, enjoyed many years working with him at the best bank in Newnan, Bank of Coweta. He will be missed by so many, a wonderful man.

Linked loui - October 30, 2017 at 12:59 PM

DD

Scott was such a good friend to our family over many years. My dad was especially close. He always asked about Beth, my daughter, who is also a diabetic, when I saw him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dianne Dutton - October 30, 2017 at 01:26 PM

PM

My dear friend, Mr. W. Scott Wilson, was so much more than the founder, president and chairman of Bank of Coweta. He was the epitome of leadership in the bank and our community. Most of all he was a husband, father and grand-father. My heart goes out to his sweet family. He was not only the best boss I ever had, but my best friend too. "Goodnight sweet prince: and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"

*Missing you greatly,
Pam Morris*

Pam Morris - October 30, 2017 at 01:58 PM

FL

I have known Scott probably longer than I have known anyone else in Newnan. He was a good guy, a great banker, and a good friend. He and I go way back to the First National Bank of Atlanta days. He will be missed.

Fritz Thum, II

Fritz Thum, II - October 30, 2017 at 07:02 PM

KL

So many good memories with Mr. Scott Wilson from our BOC days! I began working at the bank in 1977 and left shortly after his retirement. The bank just wasn't the same to me without him there. He was not only the best boss I've ever had, he was also a kind soul and a great mentor. He was a friend to me and to so many others! His smile and zest for life was contagious. He was genuine, thoughtful and caring. It always made my day running into him around town. He always took time to talk and catch up with me. Newnan and this world will be short one angel. My heartfelt condolences to all of his family. He will surely be missed by me and so many others!

Kathy Lovely Lambert

Kathy Lovely Lambert - October 31, 2017 at 01:47 PM

LM

Mr. Scott was like a second dad to me growing up. Always full of fun and adventure. He will be missed. Scoot, Harriett and Pitts, thinking of you.

Lee McCullough

Lee McCullough - November 02, 2017 at 10:48 AM