



# Merle F. Wilks

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**M**r. Merle F. Wilks of Tavares, Florida passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the age of 56 years. He was born in Roosevelt, Oklahoma and moved to this area from there in 1977. Merle attended First Baptist Church of Leesburg. He worked for Walmart for many years. Merle loved motorcycles. He is remembered by his wife, Robbin Wilks; daughter, Samantha S. Burger of Mount Dora, FL; sons, Jeremy Joseph Speegle of Tavares and Kody Lee Donnie Burger of Tavares; sisters, Stanna Lee, Gayla Hite and Elaine Barker, all of Oklahoma and 2 grandchildren, Brooklyn Burger and Maddison Burger. A memorial ceremony was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 11:00 am in the funeral home chapel. Arrangements were entrusted to Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares, FL. Condolences may be left for the family by signing the guestbook below.




## Events


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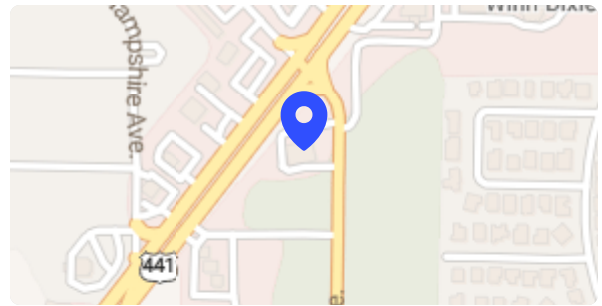
### Memorial Ceremony

 **Monday**, April 16, 2012

 11:00 AM ET

 **Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations**

226 E. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares FL 32778





## Tribute Wall

**Merle F. Wilks**

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**Anonymous** posted:

I knew merle many years ago.I was only sixteen at the time.I was honored to meet his mom and dad. Merle was a very kind and loving soul. I was really sadden by his passing. My prayers go out to his family, Your Truly kim brawley###imported-begin###kim riggins###imported-end##

May 8 at 11:09 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

The family of Merle Wilks has my deepest sympathy.###imported-begin###Pat Fuller###imported-end##

April 25 at 5:49 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was saddened to learn of Merle's passing. He was between my children in age. I have special memories of him. I worked with his mother at the bank. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the family. We are moved by the passing of our young Roosevelt graduates of 1970's, Lee Beth, Bruce, and Merle.###imported-begin###Lena Rutledge Harris###imported-end##

April 18 at 11:25 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I met Merle his family in the late 90s. Like everyone else has said he always had a smile on his face. Merle was a laid back kind of guy. He was always there to help you if you needed it or not. And if you asked for his help he jumped right on. There was a time when I was starting a business and Merle and his family would help me get it off the ground. I know Merle was a very hard-working man at his jobs. Let me tell you about a story about Merle. I had a pontoon boat. We would always go out on it with him and his family out on the pontoon boat. I told them that this boat was too slow. So Merle help me get a ski boat. There's one thing that I found out about Merle. I bet some of you did not know that Merle could barefoot ski. Yes I said barefoot skiing. And he was a very good skier. I know I haven't seen Merle in a few years but we did keep it in touch by phone. I know that all of us that knew Merle is deeply going to miss him and his smile. May you rest in peace Merle and God bless you.###imported-begin###Leslie Saunders###imported-end##

April 15 at 10:44 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Merle was my friend from the first day of first grade and still is. I've never heard Merle say a bad word about anyone, which is a rare person. He loved everyone. I stopped in Leesburgh one day hauling cattle and called him from a little quickmart and he ask where I was and I told him, he said look behind the store, his house was just behind it and he was standing outside waiving at me. He took the day and took me to Epcot center, Church St. Station ect., we had a blast! Will always remember the VW beetle that he had, he just knew it would outrun anything. Go in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Reid Davis##imported-end##

April 15 at 9:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To family and friends of Merle I knew Merle from about age 2 until he left Roosevelt. He was a slow going fellow. Much like his daddy. Had a dry sense of humor and made you laugh. I knew Elaine and Gayla well since we were practically the same age. My heartfelt sympathy to the Wilks family. You will always keep Merle in your heart and memories. Jennifer MooreNorman OK##imported-begin##Jennifer Moore##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:48 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My Deepest Sympathy to the family. I was in HS class for 4 years in Roosevelt graduating Class of 1973. Merle was a great friend and well be greatly missed by all.##imported-begin##Regina Neuwirth Edgar##imported-end##

April 14 at 4:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have known Merle since we very, very small children. We attended church at Cold Springs, we in the same class in school, and basically grew up together. I will remember Merle fondly with a forever smile on his face. He was always there to do anything for anyone, and never spoke bad about anyone. As Phil said, "Merle was a Pearl"! Indeed! My sympathy to each of his family members, sisters, and close friends as well as classmates. He left us too soon for his next journey, but I look forward to catching up with him again some day.##imported-begin##Teresa Jennings Tuck##imported-end##

April 14 at 12:04 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Merle was a Pearl, I was in his HS Class all 4 years graduating in 1973. So many great memories, Wheat Harvest in Blunt, South Dakota, Halloween nights on Roosevelt's Main St. His VW Beetle next to my Chevelle SS 396, pretty much our relationship, me always in a hurry, he always laid back. He was always there to be a best friend, all I had to do was stop, or at least slow down. Merle would always offer assistance whether you wanted it or not. Sometimes we would take it just to enjoy his pleasure in being so helpful. I'm sorry I never went out of my way when in Florida on business to go by and see him, but of course I never dreamed the Hare would outlive the Turtle. Miss you Merle, see you at Heaven's Drive-In for Burger and Shake.##imported-begin##Phillip R Liles##imported-end##

April 13 at 11:31 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Merle was kind and always wore a friendly smile. I also was a classmate with Merle and we graduated with the Class of 1973, at Roosevelt High School. Only good memories in the years that I've known him. He will be deeply missed by all.##imported-begin##Patti Shockley Edgar##imported-end##

April 13 at 11:07 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was a classmate with Merle and grew up with him in Roosevelt. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed by all of us in his class. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.Jill (Bynum) SmithClass of 1973-Roosevelt High School##imported-begin##Jill Smith##imported-end##

April 13 at 8:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Good man you will be missed.##imported-begin##Chris Ankney##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:52 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Merle was a very special person. I remember him playing with my daughters when we lived across the street from you all. He was always pleasant and I remember that he almost always had a smile. I know he will be missed by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Judy Nash Williams##imported-end##

April 12 at 10:26 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Deepest sympathy to each and every one of you.Love,Pat##imported-begin##Pat Fuller##imported-end##

April 12 at 9:43 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kathy Stillman##imported-end##

April 12 at 7:59 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was fortunate to know Merle Wilks and his giving mannerisms. Merle always believed in the best of people. Merle will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Lori Pfister##imported-end##

April 12 at 1:35 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Merle was cool he didnt let much bother him.always friendly and kind to everyone he loved his bike and family. He will be deeply missed by all.Now he can ride all day long.##imported-begin##ROB & SANDY BARAGLIA##imported-end##

April 12 at 11:44 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Merle by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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