



Reo Wilhour

October 29, 1955 - October 13, 2024

Reo Wilhour, 68 of Pana, Illinois died Sunday, October 13, 2024 at Decatur Memorial Hospital with family by his side. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Pana Christian Church with Niki Goatley officiating. Visitation will also be held in Pana Christian Church from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Burial will be in Rosemond Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family of Reo Wilhour asks that memorials be made AAMP (Autism And Movement Project). Memorials will be accepted by the funeral home or may be mailed to:

AAMP

11 South Locust St.

Pana, IL 62557

Reo Wilhour was born October 29, 1955 in Pana, Illinois the son of Don and Shirley (maiden name Spillman) Wilhour. Reo grew up in Pana attending Rosamond Elementary School and Pana High School, where he graduated with the Class of 1973. Reo received a Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, a Master's degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and pursued a Doctorate from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He was enrolled in the US Army ROTC Program. Reo was an Instructor, Advisor, and later an Administrator with Parkland College in Champaign, from where he retired. Reo married Diana Patricia Sanchez in Champaign on September 3, 2015, and she survives.

Reo was an extraordinary man, an inspiration to everyone who knew him and loved him. He overcame many obstacles in his lifetime, while keeping a humble and positive outlook on life.

Relationships were of great importance to Reo, especially maintaining relationships with family, friends, and his academic family. He devoted his life to helping others achieve their goals and becoming successful. He is known by everyone for his generosity, his perseverance, his intelligence, and his quick wit.

Reo Wilhour is survived by his Wife: Diana Sanchez of Pana; Parents: Don and Shirley Wilhour; Brothers: Mike (Judy), Brent (Tracy), Rex (Tonya), and Neil Wilhour; and many Nephews and Nieces as well as Great-Nephews and Great-Nieces.

Cemetery Details

Rosemond Grove

Rural Rosamond
Rosamond, IL 62083

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pana Christian Church
1005 East Sixth Street
Pana, IL 62557
<http://panachristian.org>

Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Pana, IL 62557
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Tribute Wall



“ Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors PC created a Tribute Video in memory of Reo Wilhour



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - October 16, 2024 at 04:00 PM

BW

“ I lived across the hall from Reo at WIU in 1975-76. I later encountered him often at Illinois athletic events and cherished the opportunity to catch up. He was very proud of his wife, Diana, his family and loved to share of his career activities at Parkland. Reo is a tremendous individual I've been honored to be a friend of. We also stayed in touch thru Facebook. A common acquaintance from Parkland informed of his passing, though some weeks later, and I'm so very sorry on behalf of those close to my friend Reo. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Bob Wells - March 03, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MV

“ I am so sad to hear of Reo's death. I knew him at Parkland for many years. He was a wonderful colleague and support for friends and students. He was a very good man.

Michael Vitoux - October 31, 2024 at 07:13 PM

FR

“ *Reo was a fabulous human being. I enjoyed working with him at Parkland College. He was wise and kind. So sorry for your loss. Fay Rouseff-Baker*

Fay Ellen Rouseff-Baker - October 18, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ *Lots of very good memories with Reo. From my first BBQ in the staes watching the frozen lake across his house to speeding down the I57 to catch a Cubbs game. You will be missed. Condolences to the family, you are in my prayers*

Dumisani Masimini - October 17, 2024 at 12:52 PM

“ Dear Diana and Wilhour family,

My heart is with you during this time. I know there are no words that can truly capture the depth of the loss you're feeling. Reo was such an incredible person—strong, kind, and full of grace. Even in the midst of his own challenges, he always managed to touch the lives of those around him in profound ways. I will forever be grateful for the impact he had on my life. He believed in me when few did, opening doors and giving me the opportunity to be here today and pursue my dreams. Because of him, my life has taken a path I never could have imagined. He trusted me, mentored me, and became a dear friend who changed my life.

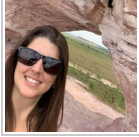
Although it's painful to say goodbye, I find peace knowing Reo is now in the arms of our Lord. The Bible reminds us in John 14:2-3: "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Reo is now in a place where there is no more pain, only peace and joy in God's presence. I hope this brings you comfort in the days ahead, knowing that he is truly in a better place now, whole and full of life.

Please know that we are all here for you, ready to support you however you need.

*With love,
Vivian Dixon*

Vivian - October 17, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *I have so many good memories with Reo. My thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Marii Mari - October 17, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *Reo's absence will be felt every day! I will miss him so much 😞 I really wish I could be there with Diane and all of you. My thoughts are with you, and I'm sending love from afar.*

Farnaz Soheili - October 16, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *i remember Reo in school as as funny and nice .My thoughts and prayers are with the family*



Jay Denton - October 16, 2024 at 10:15 AM



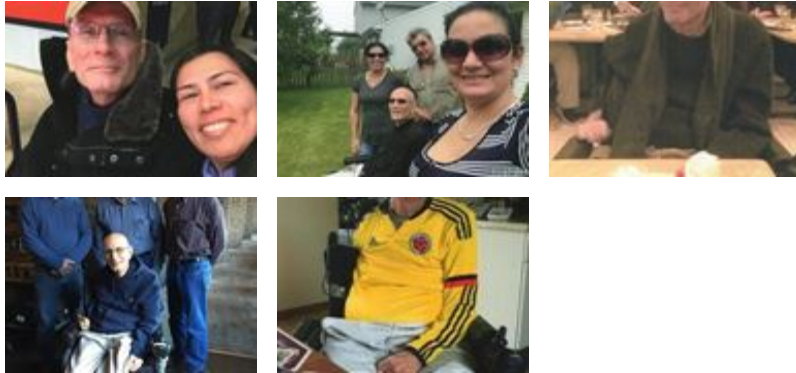
“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Monica Wilhour - October 15, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kennedy & Sons Funeral Directors, P.C. - October 15, 2024 at 03:36 PM

RL

“ Prayers to Reo's family and many friends. I had the honor of working with him during my time at Parkland. He was an amazing individual who loved his Illini and supported our PC Cobra athletic teams. A true inspiration and outstanding person who will be missed by many.



Rod Lovett - October 15, 2024 at 01:24 PM

SM

So sorry for your loss. He was a sweet boy. John and I will hold on to our memories. We had some great times didn't we? But know that Reo will be remembered by lots of friends. John and I just wanted to let ya'll know that all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers and with ya'll at this sad time.

Sandra Mauldin - October 16, 2024 at 10:24 PM

PR

“ *Reo was a phenomenal person! We once took a road trip from Illinois to Texas while visiting schools and their soccer programs to transfer after my graduation from Parkland. We went all the way to Brownsville, Texas. I'll always remember his smile and his positivity! I'm so honored that I had the opportunity to meet him. Thank you, Reo! You'll be missed!* ”



Priscila - October 15, 2024 at 01:06 PM

KR

“ *I will never forget Reo. His smile and sincerity when asking me how I was doing, warmed my heart every time I saw him. My sympathies to his family and friends. May you find peace in the sadness of loss in the memories and blessings you have of life shared with a beautiful soul.* ”

Karen Rocha - October 15, 2024 at 12:29 PM

JS

“ *Reo was a colleague and friend at Parkland. May his memory be a blessing to all who loved him.* ”

Jan Simon - October 15, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JB

“ *Jean Burton lit a candle in memory of Reo Wilhour* ”



Jean Burton - October 15, 2024 at 11:51 AM

CB

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Reo’s family.
Rest in peace my friend.*
Cindy Bales



Cindy Bales - October 15, 2024 at 11:33 AM

PS

“ *Pete Diane Scherzer lit a candle in memory of
Reo Wilhour*



Pete Diane Scherzer - October 15, 2024 at 10:32 AM

CS

“ *Carol Schramm lit a candle in memory of Reo
Wilhour*



Carol Schramm - October 15, 2024 at 09:56 AM

CS

Reo was one of those people who cross your life that we can never forget. He was such a passionate guy who just kept on learning and giving. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him

Carol Schramm - October 15, 2024 at 09:58 AM

AB

“ *Alice Burris lit a candle in memory of Reo Wilhour*



Alice Burris - October 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Our sympathy to all of Reo's family and loved ones. Rest in peace Reo. From Mike and Gayle Schafer*



Gayle Schafer - October 14, 2024 at 11:10 PM