



Roy E. Wilson

March 3, 1947 - December 27, 2024

Roy E. Wilson, age 77 of Waverly, Ohio, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2024 at the Adena Pike Medical Center in Waverly. Roy was born on March 3, 1947 in Jackson, Ohio to the late Ebert and Edna (Music) Wilson.

Roy's life was not what one thinks of as typical. He was born with health conditions that made it such that he was never able to walk or talk, and he had to be cared for his entire life. Even with these limitations, Roy learned to communicate through his squeals, cries, hand gestures, and a smile that could light up a room. The first 20 years of Roy's life was spent at home with this mother and father taking care of him. Upon his mother's passing, Roy's new home became the Gallipolis Developmental Center. Roy lived at this new home for 43 years. During that time, he had numerous caretakers who dearly loved him. With the changes in the operation of the Developmental Center, Roy and others at the facility were relocated to smaller, privately run group homes. Roy's new home became the Grandview Avenue Group home in Waverly, Ohio where he spent the last 14 years of his life. Just like the caretakers at Gallipolis, the caretakers in Waverly dearly loved Roy and took great care of him.

Over the last 30 years of Roy's life, changes/improvements at the care taking facilities were such that the patients were exposed/treated to social events. Roy got to attend Columbus Blue Jacket games, and he would squeal with

delight during the games. Roy got to attend a number of music concerts, go to restaurants to eat, and do various other social events. During the family's visits with Roy, the caretakers always commented how much they felt Roy loved attending these events.

He is survived by his niece, Carole Coyan, nephews Vaughn(Laura) and Randy (Mary) Wilson, great nephews Aaron (Alice) Coyan, Brandon (Candace) and A.J. Wilson, great-great nieces and nephews Colleen (Kala) Coyan, Dakota Coyan, Cameron and Cooper Wilson as well as numerous cousins.

Besides his parents, Roy was preceded in death by his brother, Harold E. Wilson, sister in law, Mary E. Wilson, nephew, Thomas Coyan, great nephew, Bryan Coyan, great niece, Rachel (Coyan) Tripp, and various other relatives from the Wilson and Music families.

Funeral Services for Roy will be held at a later date convenient for the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending Condolences to the Wilson's. Remembering the good times growing up in Fisher Addition with them. :)*

Carol Fisher Porter - January 06, 2025 at 01:57 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure of taking care of Roy for many years at Gallipolis Development Center, his smile would light of a room and his love for coffee*

Pamela Barr - January 04, 2025 at 09:29 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy. I had the privilege working with Roy as a caregiver for many years at GDC. His eyes would light up with the biggest smile! Loved being around people and watching TV. RIP Roy! Prayers for all!*

Joyce Jividen - January 04, 2025 at 04:29 PM