



## Ronald Mitchell Wilson

October 5, 1950 - February 22, 2021

Ronald Mitchell Wilson, 70, of Snow Hill passed away on Monday, February 22, 2021 at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury.

He was born on October 5, 1950, a son of the late Alice M. Wilson Taylor and James S. Wilson, Sr.

Ron graduated from Snow Hill High School in 1968 and later received a BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Maryland (College Park), and a Master's Degree in Education from Salisbury University. He taught chemistry and physics at Snow Hill High School for 29 years, and during his time there he also coached the football and baseball teams. After retirement, Ron did rare plant surveys for the Nature Conservancy, Maryland & Delaware Natural Heritage Programs, and private businesses. He found many rare plants that were new to Maryland and Delaware including the Canby's bog orchid, a rare hybrid born of two rare parent orchids. This flower had not been seen in Maryland in almost 20 years. He also did quite a bit of land surveying and environmental consulting. He served as a volunteer member of The Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Creek Preserve Stewardship Committee since 1983, was on the Board of Directors of Furnace Town since 2015, and served on the Snow Hill High School Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Committee since 2019. Ron was also an avid sailor on the Chesapeake Bay, and sailed to Bermuda in 1985 and to the Bahamas in 1987, with his brother and family. He is survived by his brother, James S. Wilson, Jr. (Ellen) of Snow Hill; nephews, James S. Wilson, III (Victoria), and Christopher Scott Wilson (Maria); great nephew, Forrest James Wilson; great nieces, Natalia, Olivia, and Christianna; and great-great nephews, Greyson and Mason. Ron was a devoted family member and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Furnace Town Historical Site in Snow Hill.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

Furnace Town Historic Site  
3816 Old Furnace Rd  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ Keeping Mr. Wilson's family in our thoughts & prayers. He was one of my favorite teachers. You always a few teachers that you remember as a great teacher & friend. R.I.P. Mr. Wilson.

*Patti Godfrey*



**PATTI GODFREY & BRUCE MATTHEWS** - March 01, 2021 at 12:18 PM

RC

“ Ronnie was a close friend and musician partner during our high school years. We spent countless hours playing, composing, and recording original pieces. Ronnie played a beautiful Framus classical guitar and I had a Ditson round back mandolin that I discovered in an old farm house my father had bought. We played for special occasions, talent shows, and just about anywhere people would listen to us. With Ronnie's father's encouragement, we even played on Dawson Clarke's radio show in Pocomoke. Ronnie was an inspiration to me. Although the mandolin has become a curiosity piece, I have continued to play various stringed instruments all my life. In September I bought a decent classical guitar and began practicing seriously. I think of Ronnie often as I play. So sorry for your loss, but grateful I have those musical memories.

*Rick Chapman*

**Rick Chapman** - March 01, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JB

“ Mr. Wilson was a wonderful person and a good friend. I especially enjoyed our dinners at Elliott's in Snow Hill after Furnace Town Board meetings and when Ron would accompany me to Shorebirds games. His knowledge of rare plants was remarkable, and it was a pleasure to be in his group on Stewardship Committee work days. He even let me be his one-day helper on a surveying job in Chincoteague (which he probably came to later regret!). There will never be another Mr. Wilson, and I am deeply saddened by his departure way too soon.

**Jeff Bacon** - February 28, 2021 at 12:16 PM

SR

“ As an environmental consultant, I worked with Ron on many projects over the last few years, and I was constantly amazed and delighted by the depth of his knowledge in so many fields. He had every reason to be proud of his many accomplishments, yet he remained a humble and gentle soul, a true gentleman. The world is a poorer place without him. --Spencer

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**Spencer Rowe** - February 28, 2021 at 09:53 AM

JT

*I first met Ronnie as a kid on the first little league team started in Snow Hill. We played for the "Pirates" He was a great ball player. and one year older than me. He played shortstop and I played third base. Ronnie was a good fielder and could really hit the ball. Our coach was "Chum Cherrix"--ah the good old days. Ronnie and I continued to play ball together in Pony League, Colt or American Legion, and for Snow Hill High School. His brother, Jim, often coached us. I really didn't know Ronnie as an adult, as I went off to college and a career out of state, but he is a part of my childhood----a fond memory of a more innocent time. I am glad to have known him.*

*My condolences to his family.*

*Doug Timmons, Ph.D.*

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**James Douglas Timmons** - March 01, 2021 at 04:46 PM