



## Leon Wilhide

February 1, 2012

### Obituary of Leon Wilhide

The Villages " Leon Edward Wilhide, Jr, 77, died Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

Originally from Maryland, Lee owned and operated the 75 year old family floral business in Ellicott City, MD. He was a recognized leader in the community serving the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Exchange Club, and Boumi Temple, as well as many other community organizations. He retired and moved to The Villages in March 2007. He is survived by his beloved wife Beverly (Bev), children Steve and his wife Cheryl Wilhide, Jeff and his wife Renee Wilhide, Karen and her husband Dean Kreh, 7 Grandchildren Paige & Rachel Wilhide, Jeremy & Joshua Wilhide, Ashley, Ryan and Brent Kreh, sister Barbara and her husband Wayne Lutz, and 3 Great Grandchildren. He was predeceased by sons Keith and Kendall, granddaughter Sara and brother Ted. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the Chapel at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, FL. Reception of family and friends is to follow the service at 1981 Lake Miona Drive, The Villages. In remembrance of Lee Wilhide those that wish may make contributions to Sara's Garden at The John's Hopkins Children's Center, Baltimore, MD.

## Services

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the Chapel at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, FL.

## Reception

Reception of family and friends is to follow the service at 1981 Lake Miona Drive, The Villages.

## Memorial Donations

In remembrance of Lee Wilhide those that wish may make contributions to Sara's Garden at The John's Hopkins Children's Center, Baltimore, MD.

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ *Bev. .. I am so sorry for your loss. God's loving mercy will guide you through this difficult time.*

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**Teresa Lemon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Bev & Family: I was so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. For many years he was the "canary in the coal mine" for the HoCo Economic Indicators Committee. We are all saddened by your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

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**Donald Stitely** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Jeff, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Ron*

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**Ronald and Rose Lee** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Dear Bev, I was deeply saddened to learn of Lee's death. His passing will leave a deep void in so many lives. I cannot think of my years in Howard County without remembering Lee and the impact he had as one of its most gracious and giving citizens. My prayers are with you and your family. With deep sympathy, Benay*

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**Benay Leff** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ It is with deep sadness that we have learned of the passing of our dear friend, Leon "Lee" Wilhide. The name "Wilhide" is known far and wide in Howard County, Maryland, not only for the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants that have come from your Florist locations, but also for your generous spirit of community involvement and charitable giving. We will remember Lee fondly for all that he has done for this community and we will recall that his beautiful flowers have cheered our many friends while they were sick, celebrated the birth of many Apple Ford babies, paid our respects to families of our employees who have passed and have adorned our homes during the holidays and have celebrated birthdays, weddings and anniversaries through their beauty. We send our deepest sympathies to Bev and the rest of the Wilhide family and hope that you are comforted by the knowledge that Lee's legacy will live on and that his many, many friends will never forget him. He was a truly remarkable gentleman and a great friend. With all our sympathy, George Doetsch, Chairman, and all your friends at Apple Ford, Inc.

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Apple Ford, Inc. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Bev, We are so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. It was mentioned yesterday at the Howard County Chamber of Commerce luncheon with the County Executive annual meeting. My recollection is that we got this started when we all were involved with Chamber Leadership. 450 people were in attendance and so the word on Lee's passing was acknowledged by all in attendance. Our thoughts will be with you tomorrow during the service you'll have with your family and Florida friends. All the best to you and the family. Ironically...tomorrow night we are having the McCuans over for dinner and so we'll remember you both real good for our dinner blessing. Dick Pettingill

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Dick & Chris Pettingill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We would like to express our sincere sympathy to bev and family. sincerely ruth & gus wurtzer

Ruth and Gus Wurtzer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are sorry for your loss. I remember him from the early years when we would purchase flowers, especially for our wedding. My sister Deena Cate Bayless worked at Wilhides for awhile. Our prayers are with the family.

The Shaffer Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ You are all in our prayers today. Lee was a great guy. We have many fond memories of him when we were Karen and Dean's neighbor's on Littlefield Court.

Bob Tousey, Chris and Stephanie - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Miss Bev: So sorry to hear of Mr. Lee's death. He, and your entire family, have been such a part of our family's life, both in and out of our business relationship through the years. If we may, in any way, be of service, you know our number. Love, Doris, Johnny, Debbie & families and the staff at Slack Funeral Home

The Slack Family & Staff - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Wilhide family on Lee's passing. Having played golf with Lee & Dean one time several years ago confirmed what I already thought. Lee was as pleasant & likeable as he seemed the few times I was around him prior.

Richard Weintraub - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Bev - I was so very sorry to hear of Lee's passing. What a wonderful, warm and gracious man he was -- and always by your side. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care of yourself....Kathy*

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**Kathy Sloan-Beard** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM