



## Bob Wilkins

March 1, 1935 - January 14, 2017

Bob Wilkins, of Vanzant, passed away Saturday morning, January 14, 2017, while at his home due to natural causes. Born on March 1, 1935 to O.B. and Hanna (Crossland) Wilkins in Richland, MO; he was 81 years old.

Bob moved to Vanzant when he was 10 years old and attended the Willow Springs Schools. He graduated from Willow Springs High School with the class of 1952. Shortly thereafter he married his high school sweetheart, Audie Clinton, on June 11, 1953 in Willow Springs. To this union, two sons were born. Bob was self employed as a farmer, raising both dairy and beef cows. He was farming up until the day of his passing. Bob's many enjoyments included music, music, and more music. He was an accomplished musician as well as a published songwriter. This led to his longstanding friendships with both Porter Wagoner and Dolly Parton. Bob also enjoyed watching football and movies on T.V. and he especially enjoyed watching anything having to do with country music. Bob liked staying around the farm and being with his family. He was constantly working on the farm because there was "always something needing to be done."

Bob is preceded in death by his parents and one infant son, Allan L. Wilkins.

He is survived by his wife, Audie A. Wilkins and his son, Larry Wilkins and his wife, Patty of Vanzant. He is further survived by two grandchildren; Chris

Wilkins of Vanzant and Morgan Jones of Salem AR. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews along with other friends and relatives.

A graveside funeral service for Bob will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Willow Springs City Cemetery at 2:00pm. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Funeral Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery  
State Rte DD  
Willow Springs, MO 65793

# Tribute Wall

NH

“ *The Honeyfield family sends thoughts and prayers to Audie and family.*

Nancy Honeyfield - January 22, 2017 at 02:39 PM

MC

“ *We enjoyed visiting with Bob when we bought calves and sold hay to him. Love and prayers to the family Mike & Tammy Collins .*

Mike & Tammy Collins - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 PM

RF

“ *Bob was a very special person and will be greatly missed. We live around the corner and always really enjoyed stopping to talk with both Bob and Audie whenever going by, on horseback, on four-wheeler or in a vehicle. We want to send prayers and our sincere condolences to Audie and all the Wilkins' family. Roger & Debbie Fox*

Roger Fox - January 17, 2017 at 09:10 PM

RT

“ *Audie, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I am the lady that always rode my horse by your house and stopped to talk to you and Bob. Bob shared his music with me and loved talking about writing his music and his songs and discussing many other subjects. He loved to talk! Such a good and gracious man, always friendly to me. My heart breaks for you with his passing. He will be missed. Know I am sending prayers to you and your family. Renie Tuffli, St. Louis, and my horse Cash.*

Renie Tuffli - January 17, 2017 at 08:15 PM

RC

“ My best memories of Bob Wilkins is going to O.B and Hannah's house on the high hill above North Fork and playing radio station in their front yard. Bob would MC and sing and then have my sister and I sing. It was in the forties and Bob must have been about eleven or twelve and the two of us a few years younger. I am glad Bob had the opportunity to be so involved in the music he loved. My sympathy to Audie, Larry, and all those who loved him. Ruth Fish Collins

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**Ruth Collins** - January 17, 2017 at 07:15 PM

HF

“ The Hale family sends their thoughts and prayers to Audie and the family. Another great soul joining Dad (Glen Hale) in heaven. Remember lots of great family visits with Bob, Audie, O.B. and Hanna. Great, great people. Rode the bus with Larry. If you needed help with anything, Bob was always there. He will be missed greatly. Rest in peace kind soul.

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**Hale Family** - January 16, 2017 at 03:44 PM

BW

“ I used to go to Bob and Audies house at least once a month to have a singing/music playing session. I sang with Bob and Audie both a lot. We had a real good time. They are some of the best people I ever met. I love them and their whole family. Bob told me where to send my songs that I wrote..I will always be grateful for both him and Audies friendship. God be with you all..

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**Brenda Wake** - January 16, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DH

“ *I always enjoyed the rare encounters I had with Bob. I used to see him occasionally at G&W in Willow Springs and I am thankful that the kids and I rode our 4-wheelers by his farm last fall and visited with him. My deepest sympathies for the family.*

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**Donald Hamby** - January 16, 2017 at 10:09 AM