



Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson, PhD

January 12, 1926 - December 9, 2017

Dr. Roy D. Wilcoxson, resident of West Plains, peacefully passed away Saturday morning, December 9, 2017 while at his home due to natural causes. Born January 12, 1926 in Kenilworth, UT to Roy Edwin and Bertha Maud (Karren) Wilcoxson, he was 91 years old.

Roy grew up in Kenilworth, a small town in Carbon County, Utah along with his two brothers and two sisters. He attended the local high school until just before his senior year when he decided to selflessly serve his country during WWII. He enlisted into the United States Navy where he proudly served as a Pharmacist's Mate 2nd class. After his honorable discharge, he re-enlisted in the United States Air Force as a reservist as a 2nd Lieutenant until his retirement as a Captain in 1967. After his service, He then went to Utah State University where he completed his undergraduate studies. He then moved to Minnesota where he earned his Masters and PhD in Plant Pathology where he studied disease and disease prevention of wheat and barley. Dr. Wilcoxson was a faithful and life long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a well respected member of the West Plains Ward. He served as Patriarch in the Church for 25 years, fifteen of which while he lived in Minnesota, and ten years here in West Plains. On April 15, 1949, he married the love of his life, Iva Wall, in the Logan Temple in Logan, UT. To this union, four children were born. Roy had many enjoyments in his life which included gardening, reading, family history and genealogy, and especially

Church service. However, his greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially with his grandchildren. Roy will be greatly missed by his family and those who knew him.

Dr. Wilcoxson is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Garth Wilcoxson and Floyd Wilcoxson, and his sisters, Beulah Nichols and Dorothy Andereen.

He is survived by his loving wife, Iva Wall Wilcoxson and his children: Bonnie Bailey, Paul Wilcoxson, Karren Ray Murray, and John Wilcoxson. He is further survived by 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Dr. Wilcoxson will be held Friday, December 15, 2017 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 2800 Christie Drive in West Plains at 2:00pm with Bishop Shane Wood presiding. Burial will follow with military honors at Howell County Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Howell Memorial Park

5604 US Hwy 63
Pomona, MO

Previous Events

Service

DEC 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2800 Christie Drive
West Plains, MO 65775

Tribute Wall

ZP

“ *Dear Wilcoxson family*

In 1982 I spent a year under the mentorship of Dr Roy Wilcoxson at the University of Minnesota. The knowledge and experience gained in working with him on cereal rust diseases, in particular how to approach and manage research, undoubtedly shaped my career. My wife Carien and I will always remember this kind gentleman and his influence on our lives. May he rest in peace.

With best wishes

Zack Pretorius, South Africa

Zack Pretorius - January 25, 2018 at 03:13 AM

BS

“ *To the family of Professor Roy Wilcoxson: I am so very sorry to hear of Roy's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. Roy was my "academic" father figure. I worked for him as an undergraduate starting in 1978 and learned how amazing and fun research can be under his guidance. I went on to become his graduate student in Plant Pathology earning my M.S. degree in 1983. This experience provided the foundation for me becoming a Professor of Plant Pathology myself, as I am now back at the University of Minnesota. Roy never had to tell us to work hard, we just did it out of the utmost respect for him. He was a kind and gentle man and a top scientist in his field. I particularly enjoyed my communications with him during the later years and hope that I have lived up to his expectations for me.*

*Brian Steffenson, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology,
University of Minnesota*

Brian Steffenson - January 05, 2018 at 08:05 AM

MB

“ Dear Iva and Family,

The following people from Morocco asked me to convey to you and to all members of the Wilcoxson Family, their sincere condolences. These people are:

Abdellah Aboudrare, Deputy Director for research and cooperation, ENA-Meknes;

Zohra Ferji, professor at IAV, Agadir, former student of Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson;

Hajib El Kasmi, professor at ENA-Meknes, University of Minnesota alumn;

Ahmed Laytimi, retired professor from ENA and Kansas State University alumn;

Mohammed El Mourid, researcher at ICARDA, MIAC Universities alumn;

Ahmed Amri, researcher at ICARDA, MIAC Universities alumn;

Brahim El Yousfi, researcher at ICARDA, MIAC Universities alumn;

Si Mohamed Moatadid, former researcher at INRA-Morocco;

Rachid Osmoi, Plant Pathology alum of ENA, former advisee of M. Boulif

Aliou Moinina, currently student in Plant Pathology at ENA-Meknes

Ali Jouadi, currently the technician at the Plant Protection Departement at ENA-Meknes.

They all regret the highly esteemed professor, Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson, and will always remember him with great respect. May he rest in peace.

We all belong to God and to Him we shall return.

Mohammed Boulif

Mohammed Boulif - December 21, 2017 at 02:07 PM

LJ

“ *Lois Johnson purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson, PhD.*



Lois Johnson - December 19, 2017 at 04:20 PM

LJ

“ *Dear Mrs. Wilcoxson and family,
I was greatly saddened by the news of Roy's death. My heart and thoughts are with you. Please accept my most sincere condolences.*

Roy had great impact on my life as he was my first mentor in the Dept. He was the professor who put me as third author on the alfalfa mosaic paper which I had partially written before I got any degree (I was a technician and he was not obliged to do so), oversaw my B.S. from University without Walls, told me that I had to go to graduate school since I was as smart as his graduate students, and personally guaranteed to Dr French that I was as good or better than Dr. French's forestry students. The latter I didn't know until much later and I am still flattered and deeply touched by his actions. He is the reason I wound up where I am, educated, still learning and trying to pass his example onto others.

He was a remarkable man and I know he will be much remembered.

*Lois Johnson
Wilmington, DE*

Lois Johnson - December 19, 2017 at 04:07 PM

MB

“ Dear Iva and family,

Anne and I were saddened by the news of Dr. Roy D. Wilcoxson passing away. In these painful circumstances, we want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you. please accept our most sincere condolences and our prayers to God to help the family deal with this loss. We, in Morocco, will always remember Dr. Roy D. Wilcoxson with great respect.

*Anne and Mohammed Boulif,
Meknes, Morocco.*

Mohammed Boulif - December 16, 2017 at 05:34 PM

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“ *IVON, LORIE, JENNIFER, STEPHANIE, SCOTT, ROB, & CHILDREN purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson, PhD.*



IVON, LORIE, JENNIFER, STEPHANIE, SCOTT, ROB, & CHILDREN - December 14, 2017 at 11:54 AM

DM

“ *Department of Plant Pathology, University of MN purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson, PhD.*



Department of Plant Pathology, University of MN - December 13, 2017 at 10:22 AM

TW

“ Terry, Linda, Richard, Greg and David Wilcoxson purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Dr. Roy Dell Wilcoxson, PhD.



Terry, Linda, Richard, Greg and David Wilcoxson - December 12, 2017 at 12:22 AM