



Mr. Wilburn Bryan Howton

February 26, 1926 - May 24, 2019

Wilburn Bryan Howton of Palestine departed this life on May 24, 2019. Mr. Howton was born on February 26, 1926 in Salem Community to Henry Howton and Della Mae Henley Howton. He was a retired farmer and had lived in Palestine for most of his life.

Wilburn was a firm believer in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ and was a member of the Palestine Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he attended faithfully. He was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity for over sixty-nine years. He was a member of the Forrest City Lodge No. 198, a member of Forrest Chapter No. 531 Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies, York Rite Bodies of Arkansas, the F.I. Scully Council of Allied Masonic Degrees, and a member of the St. Giles Conclave Red Cross of Constantine. Mr. Howton was a recipient of many honors and awards in Masonry including the Grand Lodge Medal of Honor.

He truly loved the outdoors and shared that love with family and friends. Many enjoyable, teachable moments were shared while hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his children, Linda Jeffrey and husband Michael Jeffrey, Brent Howton and wife Christie Taylor Howton, Wanda Whittenton and husband Joe Whittenton; his grandchildren Carma Jeffrey Meitzen and husband Tim, Alex Jeffrey and wife McKinzie, Seth Jeffrey and wife Laurie, Natalie Howton Barker and husband Jacob, Matthew Howton, Bryan Whittenton and wife Olivia, Will Whittenton and wife Amy, Lucas Whittenton,

Anna Horton and Miranda Paulk; great-grandchildren Kale and Booker Jeffrey, Evan, Elizabeth and Eli Jeffrey, Whitt, Jennings and Riggs Meitzen and Aaron Barker. One brother, Keith Howton; three sisters, Audrey Jones, Elnora Adams and Aline Lemons as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends also survive him.

Mr. Howton was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Odis, Herman and Allen Howton; sisters Irene Reeves and Janis Holt; and the love of his life, his wife of over 67 years, Ruth Gore Howton.

Visitation will be held at the Cumberland Presbyterian Activity Center in Palestine Monday, May 27, 2019 from 6-8pm. Services will be conducted at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Palestine Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10am with Dr. Tommy Thompson and Bro. Jerry Lawson officiating. Burial will follow in the Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church P O Box 98 Palestine, Arkansas 72372, the Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies PO Box 657 Jonesboro, Arkansas 72403 or the charity of your choice. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

Goodwin, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Palestine, AR

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Palestine, AR

Tribute Wall

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“ The family of Ray Hill (Moro) extend their deepest sympathy and tribute of Bro. Wilburn to his family. He was a gentle, kind, caring person and also a devoted friend who made each person feel special. He and dad (Ray) had many good visits not only in lodge but also whenever they met. Dad and we held Bro. Wilburn in deepest respect, knowing his interest and concern were genuine. What a legacy he has left his family. Without a doubt he has heard the Great Master, Lord of Lords say, "Welcome home, my good and faithful servant." Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family.

Rae Hall - May 30, 2019 at 03:03 PM

BR

“ Wilburn Howton was our friend. There are a great many people who will say the same because he never met a stranger. He will be missed.
Boyd and Wanda Russell

Boyd and Wanda Russell - May 27, 2019 at 06:25 PM

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“ The officers and members of St. Giles Conclave No.29, Red Cross of Constantine, send our deepest sympathy to Knight Companion Wilburn's family.
*TJ Henwood, PS
Recorder*

TJ Henwood - May 27, 2019 at 06:03 PM

JJ

“ Brent, I saw an important part of my life was gone when I picked up this morning's paper. Wilburn and I were in the same class of the consistory and he received the 33rd Degree in the class before me. I regret that I can not attend his services as I am scheduled for another chemo treatment in the morning. Joe T. Clements, Jr.

Joe T. Clements, Jr. - May 27, 2019 at 05:15 PM

BR

“ I have only known Mr Howton since 2016, but it was a great pleasure to have ever met him. He was a kind man and always had a smile on his face. Prayers going up for the family.



Barry Rudd - May 27, 2019 at 03:37 PM

CC

“ A wonderful Man! Terrific family ! My deepest sympathies! 💔🙏
Claudia Marie Billingsley/ Cazan

Claudia Cazan - May 26, 2019 at 03:48 PM

CJ

You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Condolences from Jack and Christine Jones.

Christine Jones - May 28, 2019 at 10:16 PM