



## George A. Wilson

April 10, 1917 - August 28, 2012

George A. Wilson, 95, a resident of Othello passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at home surrounded by loving family. He was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa, son of the late Robert and Minnie Wilson. He was married to Mabel A. Lien, and they recently celebrated 72 years together. George enjoyed wood working, hunting, fishing and camping and loved to spend time with family and friends. Besides his wife Mabel, survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Brenda Wilson; grandchildren, Erin and Christina Wilson, James and Alyson Wilson, Garrett Wilson and Dawn and Dave Koste; great grandchildren, Kayle, Ian, Savannah, Miyah, Avalece and Haakon; and one great-great granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann. Besides his parents, George was preceded in death by one son, Gary Wilson and one granddaughter, Kymberly.

# Tribute Wall



“ to Kirt and Brenda and the rest of the family, we mourning with the passing of George and our prayers are with you.  
I met George and Mabel while visiting the "Kirt & Brenda hunting lodge". I enjoyed listening to George's tales of navy life and duck hunting - I wish I had hunted with him but his son & daughter-in-law are great (in the family tradition) in keeping the waterways clean by removing pesky waterfowl. Maybe we will "bust a cap" together one day George.###imported-begin###Terry Hulin###imported-end###

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September 04, 2012 at 05:58 PM



“ Kirk, Brenda, Mrs. Wilson and family ~ So sorry to hear of your loss. Sending our warmest regards to you now.

Respectfully - The Hall Family (Jeff, Sara, Josh, Kayleigh, Zac and Brandon)###imported-begin###Jeff Hall###imported-end###

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September 04, 2012 at 02:00 PM



“ He will be missed by all who knew him. I am sure Bill and him are playing pinochle or fishing in that big lake in the sky!###imported-begin###JoAnn Britt###imported-end###

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September 03, 2012 at 02:14 AM



“ I first met George about 30 years ago when his son Kirk married my sister Brenda. My first recollections of George were when we would camp together at the Potholes State Park in a tent trailer during duck season. Duck season was more of a religion than a hunting season and we all had a great time. George would drop us off with our canoes and we would drift the Winchester Waste Way jump hunting ducks all day then he would pick us up at the other end. For me in many ways those were the golden days of duck hunting the Potholes and the flocks were big and flew frequently providing much shooting and many good memories.

George was probably typical of the members of the Greatest Generation. He grew up in Iowa, endured the Great Depression, and moved west. World War II broke out and George was quick to enlist in the Navy (which showed he had good sense) where he served on a Destroyer for the duration of the war. Since I was in the Navy we talked at times about his experiences and I remember him telling me how much he liked the Navy Bean soup they served. He said he ate so many beans that his nickname on the ship was “Beans”. While George was overseas serving his country Mabel was a riveter where they were building ships for the war effort. Although I’m sure there were different philosophies back then, it must have been good to see people put their differences aside and work together for the good of the country!

Having been through tough times like the Great Depression and World War II, George had a tough exterior yet he was always very good and kind to Brenda and Kirk and others who were close to him. Although he was referring to cribbage at the time, I always remember him saying, “You have to play the hand you’re dealt”. Like many of his generation, that was the way he lead his life.

George although you won’t be here for Duck Season this year you’ll still be with us in the duck blind and, while we’ll be shooting up at the ducks, you’ll be shooting down at them! We’ll miss you at the DU Banquet and at the table during Thanksgiving. I wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas!##imported-begin##Jim Morrell, Captain, US Navy, (Retired)##imported-end##

September 02, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ George was a kind and good man. He served in World War II. He served Ducks Unlimited. He was a great man to family and friends. I was his friend. Peach and prayers to Mabel, Kirk and Brenda.##imported-begin##Bernard Brown##imported-end##

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September 02, 2012 at 10:23 AM



“ When George laughed his eyes would twinkle. Especially if he was being a little mischievous. He was a kind and generous man who brought laughter and pleasure to all who knew him. We will never forget the Christmas we all spent together in our cabin in Oregon. What a joy for him and for us to have such an amazing time with family. We will miss his loving presence, but his memories will keep us smiling and celebrating the life of the man, the veteran, and the friend we knew and loved so much.##imported-begin##Rennie Morrell##imported-end##

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September 02, 2012 at 01:08 AM



“ We were so lucky to have been able to spend the last 9 years getting to know you and your family. We were really blessed. You were such a wonderful man. You will be missed by a lot of us. We will see you later.##imported-begin##Pat and Darrell Holtz##imported-end##

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September 01, 2012 at 11:46 PM



“ Dear Mabel,

*Bill knew George for a long time and really loved him. I knew George for a shorter amount of time but loved him just as much. We love you too Mabel. We will miss George ever so much. His personality showed such a loving soul. I hope in time your sorrow will turn into the wonderful memories that you had with George. We love you Mabel. Love, Bill and Bev German###imported-begin##Bev German###imported-end##*

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September 01, 2012 at 11:25 PM



“ George, I am honored to have known you. I can honestly say that you were one of the nicest men I have ever met. I put you right up there with my own father who I adored. You accepted me into your family all those years ago when I first met Kirk and Brenda, and then of course my all too brief time with Gary. You raised two wonderful sons and I know how proud you were. We had fun, didn't we? Rest In Peace, you are top notch!!!! Love You Always, Diane H###imported-begin##Diane Harrison###imported-end##

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September 01, 2012 at 10:10 PM



“ Thank you for being my best freind.  
I'll see ya later. I love You###imported-begin##Your Son Kirk  
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August 30, 2012 at 08:58 PM



“ Georgeyou were way more than my father-in-law. You were my Dad. My best friend too. You taught me to Duck hunt with the best of them, you made me use a 12 gauge not a 20 gauge, I was so afraid but you said I could do it , and I did. Then I shot all the ducks !!!!I am going to miss you very much.

*I love you Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda Wilson##imported-end##*

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August 29, 2012 at 10:53 PM