



## K. Wilson Roe Jr.

November 25, 1927 - March 1, 2020

Kennedy Wilson Roe, Jr., (Wilson to all who knew him), age 92, passed away on March 1, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at Talbot Hospice House, in Easton, MD.

A lifelong resident of Tilghman Island, Wilson was born on November 25, 1927, to Kennedy Wilson and Hazel Virginia (Lednum) Roe. He was the oldest of two children.

Wilson graduated from St. Michaels High School where he served as Secretary and President of the Student Council. According to his high school yearbook, he was known as “one of the quieter members of the class” and “His never failing courtesy, honesty, and reliability placed him high in popular esteem.” He continued his formal education by attending various courses and classes at Chesapeake College.

In July 1945, Mr. Roe enlisted in the Navy where he was trained as a meteorologist at the Lakehurst Navy Base, Lakehurst, NJ, and was then stationed at the Washington Navy Yard, in Washington, DC. He was proud to have served as a meteorologist on the presidential yacht, the USS Williamsburg, where he cruised with President Harry S. Truman on the open seas. Wilson was honorably discharged in November 1948 and was awarded the American Theater Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct

Medal.

On June 13, 1946, Wilson married his high school sweetheart, Norma (Murphy). Together they raised three children on Tilghman Island, enjoying their Eastern Shore life together for 67 years until Norma's passing in 2013.

After completing his military service, Mr. Roe was the owner/operator of Harper's TV Service located in St. Michaels, MD. In 1979, he accepted an electronics technician position at Westinghouse Defense, Oceanic Division, in Annapolis, MD, and was later promoted to Quality Manager.

After retiring in 1992, Wilson and Norma operated Norma's Guest House, a bed and breakfast located on Dogwood Harbor, Tilghman Island. They enjoyed meeting interesting people, making personal connections and developing many wonderful relationships with guests who became lifelong friends.

Wilson was a natural engineer and a jack of all trades, a man who could make or fix anything and knew a little something about almost everything. As a teenager, he learned to make and mend fishing and crabbing nets, an art and skill he would later demonstrate and teach to visitors at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and Tilghman Watermen's Museum. Wilson was also a self-taught carpenter, boat builder, scuba diver, electrician, plumber, welder, blacksmith, machinist, photographer, film developer, leatherworker, electronics expert, computer expert, web developer and coder. He designed and built his own workshops, pleasure boats, ornamental ironworks, leather belts, wallets, and sandals, as well as radio transmitters and receivers, precision tools for building complex electronic assemblies, computers, waterproof camera housings for underwater photography, crab nets (commercial and pleasure), commercial dredge bags (designing and building his own loom of course), and most of his own Ham radio gear.

He was an instructor for the Talbot County (Scuba) Divers Association, an avid HAM radio operator and member of the American Radio Relay League, and an active volunteer at both the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and Tilghman Watermen's Museum. At the age of 77, he created the first website promoting the businesses and tourism of Tilghman Island, using only native HTML code.

With his gentle spirit and kind smile, he leaves us with a legacy of integrity, decency, patience, generosity, commitment and good humor. We are blessed to have known him and honored to have called him Dad, Pop-Pop, Great Granddad and friend.

Mr. Roe is survived by his children, Gene Roe (Paul Kreibich) of Columbus, OH; Bill Roe (Deanna) of Centreville, MD, and Michael Roe (Michelle) of Easton, MD; his companion of six years, Jean Cheezum of Easton, MD, his grandchildren, Kris Roe (Gillian) of Cambridge, MD, Lori Morris (Rob) of Centreville, MD, and David Roe (Tara) of Columbus, OH; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Norma (2013) and brother Les (1974).

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020, at 6:00pm, followed by a gathering of family and friends from 6:30-8:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison St, Easton, MD.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Tilghman Watermen's Museum by visiting [www.tilghmanmuseum.org](http://www.tilghmanmuseum.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Visitation

MAR 6. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *K. Wilson Roe Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *K. Wilson Roe Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *K. Wilson Roe Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

GJ

“ I was right out of St. Michaels High School when I got a call from Wilson asking me if I wanted a job at Harpers TV Service. I had no way of knowing it at the time but saying yes to that opportunity was to influence my life in so many ways forever. Not only did I learn about electronics, I learned how to treat people who come to you for services, how to run a business the way businesses should be run, how to make sure you figure out how to have fun while doing good work, and maybe most importantly....how to be a good boss.



I was made to feel a part of the fantastic and caring Wilson and Norma Roe family!

So many incredible memories that I will cherish forever. Some memories of the fun we had at work that I would not dare reveal.....lol

He was one of the kindest and most skilled people I ever met, yet he never saw it necessary to prove just how smart he was.....you just stand back and see it in action.

We have lost a truly genuine human being who touched countless lives, including mine.

He has created a legacy for us all to live up to

It is an honor to have known him and be part of the “family.

Gary Jones

Easton

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**Gary Jones** - March 07, 2020 at 09:33 AM

TM

“ Team Hova plus Kathy & Melissa purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of K. Wilson Roe Jr..



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**Team Hova plus Kathy & Melissa** - March 05, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SG

“ *Sorry for your loss!*

Steve Gowe - March 04, 2020 at 07:59 PM

RC

“ *Mike, Bill and families,  
Tilghman Island will not be the same without you father. I enjoyed  
the many years we worked together and was always impressed with  
his knowledge, skill, and ability to stay calm no matter what the  
situation. He was always Mr. Roe to me and many others at  
Oceanic and he will be sorely missed by all. Please accept my  
condolences for you loss.*

Richard Culp - March 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
K. Wilson Roe Jr..*



March 04, 2020 at 01:27 PM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of K. Wilson  
Roe Jr.*



Phil Foster - March 04, 2020 at 03:22 AM

Vickie  
Bildstein

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Wilson Roe Jr.



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**Vickie Bildstein** - March 03, 2020 at 09:32 PM

ES

“ Wilson Roe was one of the finest individuals I have ever  
known.....Josi and I spent many years vacationing on Dogwood  
Harbor with Wilson and Norma..... always a wonderful and  
enjoyable time. Bill, Gene and Michael can be so proud of the great  
examples your parents were.....We miss them both.....Our  
sympathy and condolences to you all, Earl and Josi Smith

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**Earl & Josi Smith** - March 03, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DL

“ Michael and family,

*I am very sorry for your loss. Wilson was a very good man.*

*He was always cheerful, helpful, and friendly. And, he was very  
skilled at everything he did.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dick Leitholf*

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**Dick Leitholf** - March 03, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Michael,*

*I remember your dad as a fine gentleman with a selfless approach to his job here. He always put the people he led and results ahead of himself. It was a pleasure to know and work with him. I know you will have many wonderful memories to carry on by. My sincerest condolences to you and your family.*

*Very truly yours,*

*Gary Gladden*

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**Gary Gladden** - March 03, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RV

“ *Dear Michael, sorry to hear about the sad demise of your father. We pray to God to give you and your family the strength to bear this tragic loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Your dad can be proud of the strong legacy he leaves behind which we see in you and your work ethics everyday.*

*With warm regards,*

*Rajan*

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**Rajan Vaidyanathan** - March 03, 2020 at 02:13 PM

TE

“ *Timmy Fluharty and the gang at Fluharty's Electric purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of K. Wilson Roe Jr..*



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**Timmy Fluharty and the gang at Fluharty's Electric** - March 03, 2020 at 12:01 PM

ND

“ Wilson was a real renaissance man, we are so sorry to hear of his passing. He was thought of very highly for helping the Seniors at Hambleton Village the years he spent there as Maintenance Manager. Please share our condolences and our fond memories with all of his family.

*The staff at USAHC.*

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**Norman Davidson** - March 03, 2020 at 10:42 AM

GT

*Michael an Bill I am sorry for your lost.  
Glen & Sue Tasker*

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**glen tasker** - March 04, 2020 at 03:07 PM

FC

*Michael and Michelle - my deepest condolences. So sorry for your loss.*

*Fernando Catta-Preta*

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**Fernando Catta-Preta** - March 04, 2020 at 06:33 PM