



Eric "Ricky" Wilson

January 19, 1962 - May 12, 2025

Eric Scott Lee Wilson, 63, of Jupiter, Florida passed away peacefully on May 12, 2025, after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer. He was surrounded by the love of his family, most especially his sister, Dawyn, who served as his devoted caretaker during the final months of his life - a role she embraced with deep love, compassion, and strength.

Born on January 19, 1962, in Frenchtown, New Jersey, Eric spent most of his life in Jupiter, Florida where he built a life grounded in faith, family and hard work. He began working at UPS at just 18 years old and remained a loyal and dedicated employee for over four decades until his well-earned retirement. His work ethic, humility, and sense of duty were the foundation of who he was.

Eric's greatest pride and joy was his family. He was a loving and devoted father to his sons, Cody Wilson (wife Taylor) and Ryder Wilson (wife Kelsey), and an adoring grandfather to Maverick, Wyatt, and Cash Wilson. He was joyfully awaiting the arrival of his fourth grandson, Beckett Wilson. Eric's love for his sons ran deep - he cheered them on in every chapter of life, offering steady support, words of wisdom and unwavering pride. His grandsons brought him immeasurable joy, and he cherished every laugh, hug, and memory made with them.

Those who knew Eric will remember him as the kindest soul in any room. He

treated everyone like family - generous with his time, always friendly and deeply genuine. He had a way of making people feel seen and appreciated and that rare gift left a lasting impression on all who met him. He also had a classic "Eric" trait that everyone came to love - he always "knew a guy." Need a mechanic? A painter? Someone to fix your A/C? Eric had a guy. His endless list of trusted connections became a running joke and a comforting reminder that if Eric was in your corner, he had a solution.

Eric lived a rich, fulfilling life full of joy, generosity and purpose. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures- cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles, cold plunging, biking, working out, cooking up his famous empanadas and savoring lobster tails and steak - his favorite indulgences. He also loved spending time at the beach, taking long walks and being active, always striving to care for both body and spirit.

Deeply rooted in his Christian faith, Eric's relationship with God was the foundation of his life. He was a man of strong convictions, unwavering belief and quiet reverence. Church was not just a routine - it was his anchor, and his faith shaped the way he loved, led, and lived. His spiritual strength carried him through life's highest and hardest moments, and it gave peace and purpose to his final days.

Eric is survived by his sons, Cody (Taylor) and Ryder (Kelsey) and his grandchildren Maverick, Wyatt, and Cash - along with grandson-to-be, Beckett. He also leaves behind his sisters, Tammi Wilson and Dawyn Solarzyk and his brother, Brett Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nancy and Roger Wilson and his brother, Curt Wilson.

A Celebration of Eric's Life will be held at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, Florida, on Saturday, May 24, 2025. Visitation will be held from 2:00pm-5:00pm with the Memorial Service being held at 3:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to honor Eric's memory by spending time with your loved ones, watching a ball game, biking or walking the beach, or simply taking care of yourself — just as Eric would have appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ It’s taken me a while to find the words... I still can’t believe Eric is gone. He leaves behind not only his loving and close-knit family, but also a group of us who shared a lifetime of memories together. We were more than just friends—we were brothers. Back in the day, they used to call about two dozen of us, the “fun bunch.” We played ball, rode bikes, worked out, hit the beach, and of course, never missed a good party.

Eric had a way of bringing people together, his laughter, his energy, and his heart made life brighter for everyone around him. Losing him leaves a space that can never be filled, but the love and memories we all shared will stay with us forever. 💜 🪦 💜

Rest easy, my brother. You’ll always be with us.

Ken Benedict - June 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM

KS

“ Beautiful service Celebrating Eric. I found this old High School picture I wanted to share with his family. Eric was one of the Good Guys!!!RIP



Kyle Sizemore - May 25, 2025 at 07:37 AM

KO

“ He was the best guy I have ever known. My love for him is immeasurable. I’ll never be the same.

Kathleen O'Neill - May 22, 2025 at 12:10 AM

CW

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a special soul! A few years ago, when Cody was playing ball in NY, I had the chance to go see him play and the best surprise of all was getting to spend time with Ricky and his father, my beloved Uncle Roger. We hadn't seen each other in years but we shared a special time watching the game and catching up. I will always cherish this memory. To all his family as you struggle with this loss, Ricky's earthy journey may have ended but his spirit and love will live on in each of you. May God give you peace and comfort as you process your loss and share your memories.*

Carol Wilson-Robbins - May 21, 2025 at 07:46 AM

ME

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



melissa - May 20, 2025 at 07:50 PM

JC

This is a post I never thought I would see. I worked with Eric at UPS. For over 20 years, and I played flag football with him for over 10 years. What a great person to be around. Always a smile , always a hard worker and never a bad word, just encouragement. He will be missed , but more important is he is out of pain. May you RIP my friend, and save me a spot right next to you , so we can play football again.

jeff coole - May 21, 2025 at 06:50 AM

MM

“ It’s with profound sadness that I saw of Eric’s passing. He was a very special friend to me. It’s been some years since last seeing him, but he was always on my mind. My heart aches for his sons, whom he was so proud of, and the rest of the family. Rest dear friend until we meet again.

Melissa

melissa mowry - May 16, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DO

I always looked at Ricky not only as a cousin, but half brother. As in his senior year in High school, his family moved to Florida. Ricky wanted to finish his football season at Delaware Valley. So he lived us(Uncle Les and Aunt Thelma and myself). Till the football season was over. So the few months he lived with us, it was like he was also a brother. My heart grieves for his siblings, love you guys.

Donna

Donna - May 21, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JL

So sorry to hear. RIP.

jeff Leaver - May 21, 2025 at 08:22 PM

AF

Sad to hear of the passing of Eric. My condolences to his family and two children. I had not seen Eric in over 20 years but went to elementary school and Del-Val High School in NJ with him. I last spoke to him 5 years ago to congratulate him on his son Cody being drafted by the Washington Nationals. Played on all the sports teams with Eric and was disappointed when his family moved to FL in 1980, as it meant we wouldn’t have him on our teams. He was a gifted athlete and a great guy.

RIP my friend.

Al Foster

al foster - May 27, 2025 at 03:20 PM