

# 2013 Parkman Memorial Day Celebration



Special Thanks to all of our Active Duty and Veterans throughout all eras of our country's existence for all of the sacrifices that they have made to give us our freedoms and continue to make our country a safe place to live. May our future generations understand these sacrifices from our Veterans and appreciate the quality of life created for them. Cory Anderson

and the various participants who helped to make our Parkman Memorial Day Parade a success.

Best wishes to everyone for a fun and safe summer and don't forget to give THANKS to a Veteran.  
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On behalf of the Parkman Trustees  
and the Parkman Chamber of Commerce  
Special Thanks for the continued support of the

Geauga County Sheriff Department,  
Middlefield VFW Post 9678  
Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team  
Parkman Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops #76  
Cardinal Marching Band  
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# Parkman Paragraphs Memorial Day 2013



PARKMAN MEMORIAL DAY 2013 TRIBUTE TO

## Carl "Ed" Wilson

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Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

# Carl "Ed" Wilson

Ed was born in Portage County at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna Ohio on June 16, 1953 to Carl and Betty (Hopkins) Wilson. Ed was the youngest of three children, an older sister Judy Gorton of Chardon, Ohio and an older brother Jim Wilson of Kokomo, Ind.

Growing up in the 50's the family would play games like Bingo for prizes like tootsie rolls and suckers, or play Pick Up Baseball where they built their own 10 foot high backstop so the ball wouldn't fly onto 422. Ed liked riding his 90cc dirt bike or snow mobile. One time they dug out a hole for a swimming pool.

Ed talked a lot about the "sugar shack" that they built in the 60's. Ed and Jim would tap their own trees and make their own syrup with the help of some neighbor hood kids. We recently found some of those old jars dated 1967!



Ed graduated from Cardinal High School in 1971, where he talked about playing basketball. He attended Trumbull County Kent State and earned his Engineering Degree.

Shortly after he enlisted in the US Air force then married his high school sweetheart Barb Hoffman. Ed was stationed at several Air force bases, including Guam and the Philippines. Ed achieved security clearance, which

allowed him to perform his duty as a Military Guard for nuclear warheads. There was a buzz in Parkman at one time due to the FBI doing a security background check to achieve the appropriate security clearance.

Upon his discharge he moved to Phoenix Arizona at which time both of his kids were born. Kris and Kevin Wilson, whom are both actively serving in the US Army, Ed had three beautiful grandchildren that he deeply loved. The family later moved to Bakersfield California where Ed started his career with Ecolab Technologies as a Chemical Sales Rep.

After several years in California, Ed moved back to Ohio to be with his current wife Tara and son Cade. They lived in Wooster, Ohio for a short time before moving back to Parkman in 2001, where they built a house on the adjacent property of Ed's parents with the goal of helping them with the upkeep.



After 9-11 Ed felt the need to give back to the community and joined the Parkman Volunteer Fire Department. This turned out to be one of Ed's greatest passions. Ed formed special relationships with several members of the department. Ed served as a Fireman an EMT and the Treasurer. It didn't matter the day or time if the Fire tones dropped Ed was up and out the door before anyone knew what was going on! He was a wonderful role model for Cade who shares his passion for serving by becoming a Parkman Volunteer Fire Department Cadet.

Ed also had a love for boating on Lake Erie, where many people told tales of how big the fish were Ed loved telling the story of how sick he made his older brother on a fishing excursion one time. I can't remember if they caught any fish but he took great pride in how green he made his brother that day.

Ed gave up the boat for a motorcycle in 2007, after laying his first bike down and instead of going right to the hospital Ed had to make sure the bike made it to the shop for repairs. He finally made it to the hospital hours later he .They called life flight to take him downtown Cleveland for liver and spleen injuries. He recovered fine and checked out the next day so he could pick out his new motorcycle.

Ed always had a positive outlook on life, no matter the circumstances. He was diagnosed with a stage 4 rare bladder cancer in February 2010. He never gave up his smile or his fight for life. Ed had a plan to live every day until his last day and he did just that. Days before Ed passed away he made his last call with the Fire Department and on this very day last year Ed's father received this exact honor, it was Ed's last day conscience. Ed passed away at his home with many of his friends and family May 31, 2012.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Parkman Fire Department for all they have given to Ed and our family. Your love and support has been priceless. Ed loved so many of you and looking down on all of you right now I know he is smiling.. so thank you all from the bottom of my heart.



## Past Parkman Honorees

- 2001 John R. Ferry
- 2002 Robert F. Barnett
- 2003 Glenn A. Thompson
- 2004 Richard Stanchak (Stanley)
- 2005 Richard Giles
- 2006 Richard O. Polari
- 2007 Stanley Smith
- 2008 Dennis Testa
- 2009 Gotham Brothers: John, Carlisle "Kelly", Glen, Neil, Leland
- 2010 Albert Wilson
- 2011 Harold Blackford
- 2012 Carl B. Wilson
- 2013 Carl 'Ed' Wilson

