



## Dr. Charles T. Wilson

July 26, 1946 - April 23, 2022

Dr. Charles T. Wilson, PhD

Dr. Charles T. Wilson, PhD, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2022 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Charles was the partner of William E. Sarmiento for over 50 years. Charles was born in Lowell on July 26, 1946. Charles was a son of the late Charles and Mary (Bakewell) Wilson. Charles attended Tewksbury Schools and was a graduate of Tewksbury High School where he was an All Star Basketball Player. After graduation Charles attended Boston University and received a Bachelor's Degree. He then went on to earn a Masters Degree from Boston University and a Doctorate of Education from Columbia University. Education was central to Charles's core. He began as a teacher and worked his way up to being vice principal, principal and Superintendent of the Pelham, NY School System until his retirement. In Charles's free time, he and William traveled around the world several times. Peru, China, India, and Europe were some of their favorite spots to visit. They enjoyed dining out, and seeing films, especially those starring local native, Bette Davis. Charles was always reading novels and loved learning things through books. He could often be found on Ogunquit, Maine beach with a good book. For over 30 years he took care of William. They were very much loved partners.

In addition to his partner William Sarmiento of Ogunquit, Maine, Charles is survived by his niece Margaret "Peg" (Tompkins) DiBella and her husband Al of West Windsor, VT, his nephew Robert "Bob" Tompkins and his wife Judith (Deveau) of Pittsfield, VT, grandnephews, Kenneth Tompkins and his wife Lowansa and their son, Vaughn, Collin Tompkins and Sarah Donnelly, and their children, Charles and Liam; grandnieces Sarah DiBella Gurr and her husband Michael and their son Elijah and Katherine Dibella Blackman and her husband Colton; many dear friends in New York, New Jersey, and Ogunquit, Maine. Charles was the brother of the late Margaret (Wilson) Tompkins and brother-in-law of the late Vaughn "Red" Tomkins, Jr.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

Dr. Charles T. Wilson, 76, PhD, passed away on April, 23, 2022 at Portsmouth Regional

Hospital, NH. Family and Friends may call at FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE ST LOWELL, MA 01852 on TUESDAY, from 2 until 6 PM and on WEDNESDAY from 2 until 6 PM. Charles's FUNERAL SERVICES will be held on THURSDAY MORNING at 10 AM in the Funeral Home. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road  
North Tewksbury, MA 01876  
(978) 851-2248  
<http://www.stmarycemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**APR 26.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
(978) 459-9222  
[sean@faymccabe.com](mailto:sean@faymccabe.com)  
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

## Calling Hours

**APR 27.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

**APR 28.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
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## Burial

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APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Charles T. Wilson*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM

ST

“ *I was shocked and terribly saddened to hear of the loss of Charlie Wilson who, during the years we worked together was a wonderful supporter of the arts and just a grand person to know and work with. He was a gem and will continue to shine in our memories even in his passing.*

*Susan Porter Tall*

Susan Porter Tall - April 30, 2022 at 03:17 PM

CG

“ *Colin Griffiths sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Charles T. Wilson*



Colin Griffiths - April 28, 2022 at 05:04 AM

JO

“ *The greatest educator I will ever know. With wit, wisdom, intelligence and a sense of fairness, he guided me to a career at Pelham and inspired me throughout the decades. From "This Is Your Life, Father Time" to the Olympics to 1776 he made the lives of all of his students and teachers richer. He attended every theatre event I directed and took the time to write a thoughtful hand written note which I will always cherish. So many memories of the measures of grace he added to the world in a life well lived.*

*John Orefice*

John Orefice - April 27, 2022 at 10:44 PM

PE

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Peg - April 27, 2022 at 05:25 PM

DS

“ Charlie was a wonderful man. He will be sorely missed.  
It's so sad to lose another family member.

DIANE SARMENTO - April 27, 2022 at 10:07 AM

MB

“ Dr. Wilson was a model of statesman-like leadership. I remember his fairness, good humor and New England-tinged speech so fondly, from my first interview to his retirement. It was an honor and privilege to work in Pelham with him. My prayers go out to his family.



Marcia Bean - April 27, 2022 at 07:21 AM

JT

“ Thank you, Dr. Wilson.  
We will never forget your kindness when our Mamaroneck house flooded.  
Respectfully, Tom & Jerri Delco



Jeryl Dene Delco Pelham Kindergarten Tea - April 26, 2022 at 10:40 PM

TM

“ Dr. Wilson was my 9th grade Social Studies teacher, my Guidance Counselor, and Class Advisor to myself and the rest of the Pelham Memorial High School Class of '77. His door was always open and he listened with genuine interest to your needs. My classmates and I - and Pelham residents overall - benefitted greatly from his commitment to our community and will miss him.

Tom Morrissey - April 26, 2022 at 07:07 PM

LS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lynn M. Sabia - April 26, 2022 at 05:41 PM

LS

“ My heart is truly broken over the loss of our beloved Dr. Wilson. I had the privilege of working with him in Pelham. He was an amazing educator, mentor and friend. Dr. Wilson touched the life of everyone he came in contact with. My thoughts and prayers go out to William and his family.  
Lynn Sabia

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Lynn M. Sabia - April 26, 2022 at 05:34 PM

LC

“ Was our wonderful leader and a significant reason I took the job in Pelham. Always available to talk, be supportive and just cared so deeply about his staff and our students. You are in my heart and prayers, Charlie and will be missed.

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Laurie Cusick - April 26, 2022 at 05:09 PM

EG

“ Dr. Wilson was the epitome of an educator. He was a great mentor, colleague, and friend. He will always be remembered in my heart and in my prayers 🙏

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Edward Ganbaum - April 26, 2022 at 04:12 PM