



# Wilbur E. Gangaway

JUN 9, 2023



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## **Wilbur E. Gangaway**

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**W**ilbur E. Gangaway, 89, of Willington, CT passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Complete Care at Fox Hill. He was born in Allentown, PA, son of the late Raymond and Elizabeth (Moyer) Gangaway. Wilbur served our country in the United States Air Force, and worked as a foreman at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. A humble man by nature, Wilbur lived a life of service; he was a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society, assisted with Windham Area Interfaith Ministries, served as a Mason and a volunteer fireman. In addition, he was the first to drop everything to help a neighbor in need. He was an active member of the Federated Church of Willington serving on different committees and boards, and was energized by putting his faith into action at the annual coffee breaks in the rest area where he could meet people from all walks of life. In 2017, Wilbur's labor of love came full circle when he began residing in Willington's newly completed Senior Housing, a dream he had been working on since 1974. He was past President of the Willington Senior Center, a member of the Willington Housing Authority, and Access Senior Housing of Willington. Wilbur is survived by three children, Faith Nixt and her husband Chuck, Garth Gangaway and his wife Janet, and Sherry Gangaway-Parent and her husband Kris; and six grandchildren, Michael, David, Kaitlin, Megan, Allison and Nicholas. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Alice (Fritzinger) Gangaway; daughter, Renee Gangaway; and three sisters, Hulda, Meda, and Lois. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with a funeral service beginning at 3:00 PM at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. The service will conclude with Military Honors. Burial will be held in Woodlawn Cemetery, Allentown, PA. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929. For online condolences or directions, please visit: [www.introvignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introvignefuneralhome.com)



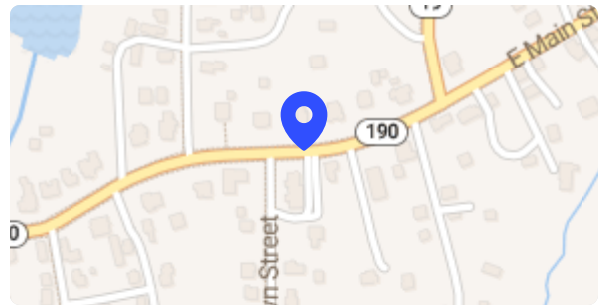
**Visitation**

- Tuesday**, June 13, 2023
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**  
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



**Service**

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**Cemetery Details**

- Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery**  
Allentown PA





## Tribute Wall

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HE

**Heather Estey** posted:

Wilbur was a welcoming friend whenever I encountered him, whether in Church or at the grocery store. He always had a smile for me and a loving heart. His faith always shone through. I am saddened to hear of his passing, the world is a lesser place. My deepest condolences to his family.

June 13 at 7:57 AM

AP

**Ann Phillips** posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. I got to meet Wilbur when he would visit your Mom while she was at MCNR when my mother was there too. He was always a ray of sunshine when he came to visit and we had some nice chats. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Ann Pudelkiewicz Phillips

June 13 at 5:27 AM

TF

**The Fraser Family** posted:

We are very saddened to hear of the passing of Wilbur. He was truly a man of God in our church and a great man in Willington and beyond. We will miss him greatly but we are comforted to know that he is in a better place with his loved ones who went before him!

June 13 at 3:42 AM

MC

**Mary Culverwell** posted:

Even though we new you a short time, your greatest gift to us as a next door neighbor was YOU and your kindness...You will be missed and remember, the birds will always be fed...Love you more, Mary & Dick

June 13 at 1:46 AM

BA

**Barbara** posted:

My deepest sympathies to Garth, Faith & Sheri... It was a privilege to know your Dad. Thinking of your family. Keep his memories in your heart and Dad will never be far.

June 13 at 1:39 AM



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**Mark W Larson** posted:

I knew Wilbur for about 22 years as his pastor. He would share his private faith with me, and through his kindness and compassion to others and myself he extended the love he received from Jesus. His need to help others caused him to do many things that united many people in a common cause. The Coffee Breaks were started with his motor home. The Thanksgiving Food Baskets were delivered with his station wagon. The Senior Housing was something that he persisted in after groups of us failed again and again. The list is endless. I think one of his greatest gifts was his survival of cancer, alongside the loss of his young daughter to leukemia, and his willingness to share his deep trust in God around this illness. Thank you, Wilbur, for showing us the light that you must now be fully experiencing alongside many loved ones, including your beloved Alice. A Brother in Christ, Mark Larson

June 12 at 3:41 PM



**Kris Popovitch** posted:

Our family was incredibly blessed to know Wilbur! A true man of God who loved Jesus and expressed this in everything he did. His willingness to serve the church community and the town through his sacrificial giving of time and talents is a model for Christians today. We truly enjoyed our visits on Saturdays and watching his face light up and laugh when we brought our pup over to visit will never be forgotten. We will miss Wilbur but know we will meet again in the Kingdom! Kris and Sheri Popovitch

June 12 at 1:40 PM



**Nancy Morgan** lit a candle in honor of Wilbur.

Garth and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Keep all those wonderful memories alive everyday. Nancy Morgan

June 12 at 1:26 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Gangaway family.

June 11 at 5:19 PM





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**Wilbur E. Gangaway**



**Bobby Jean Smith** posted:

To Wilbur's family.. I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Wilbur for very long but always thought of him as very kind ,compassionate and thoughtful person.. He will be missed

June 11 at 6:50 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gangaway family.



June 11 at 3:20 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wilbur.



June 11 at 3:20 AM



**Thomas** sent a virtual gift in honor of Wilbur.

Sorry For Your Loss



June 10 at 6:03 PM



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**Donna Hardie** posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing of Wilbur. Over the years we worked together on many different activities in the church and town. He was a very good person and always there to help if needed. Prayers to all his family. Thoughts are with you. Sincerely Donna Hardie

June 10 at 5:03 PM



**Jim & Nancy Humphrey** June 11 at 11:37 AM

It's so sad, the loss of such a beautiful and caring man. He was the best friend anyone could have ever asked for. Always there when you needed him most. I knew him since I was a 18 years old and I'm 74 now. He taught me the skills I would need in life to be self reliant. Plumbing, wood working, mechanics and life itself. He is in God's hands now and we all can only take comfort in knowing that, that is where he was ready to be. My heart breaks for Garth, Faith and Sherry's loss. I'm sure he knew you were all there and that his many friends will miss him terrible as well.



**Bobbi Jo** June 11 at 3:09 AM

My Sincerest Condolences to Wilbur's Family. Wilbur and I became quite good friends and would talk often. I called him My Bear, he would laugh , however he was like a Big Ole Teddy Bear 🐻. Wilbur cared deeply about people and like his obituary says, He Was A Man Who Would Do Anything For Anyone. Bear, I'm Going To Miss You Greatly. Rest In Peace 🕊️ My Loving Friend ❤️



**Pam** posted:

Dear Garth, Faith and Sherry - our prayers and love go out to all of you. Your Dad was such a special man , we were so blessed to know him and share some special times . He was the first to greet us when we came to the church and made us feel so welcome. A man of great faith who shared the love of Christ so easily. God bless you with comfort and happy memories John and Pam

June 10 at 3:37 PM



**Bobbi Jo** June 11 at 12:00 PM

My Sincerest Condolences to Wilbur's Family and Many Friends.



**Linda M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Wilbur.



June 10 at 3:04 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Wilbur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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