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Lee Eugene Willon, a beloved husband, father and friend, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2024, one day shy of his 81st birthday.

Born in Kingsville, Texas on September 5, 1943, Lee grew up in San Antonio, with his parents and older sister, Margaret. He earned his Eagle Scout badge and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High school in 1961. In 1970, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. Lee was a proud Life Member of the UT Austin Ex-Students Association and carried the Longhorn spirit with him throughout his life.

Lee served in the Air Force Reserves from 1966 to 1972. During his professional career he worked at LTV, E-Systems, Texas Energetics Corporation, Bell Helicopter, and Lockheed Martin. His work took him to Arecibo, Puerto Rico where he was involved in the resurfacing of the world's largest telescope, to Utah where he developed his lifelong love of skiing, and many other places around the country. Lee received numerous awards and recognitions for his work as well as two (2) patents. At Lockheed Martin, he

spent 24+ years designing the hydraulic system for the F-22 and worked on various projects with the F-16 and F-35. Lee retired in 2012, after 24+ years at Lockheed Martin.

Lee's personal life was rich with travel and adventure. He and his wife, Donna Wilson, whom he married in 1982, enjoyed many trips together, including visits to the Texas coast, Mexico, and Europe. Lee was known for his vibrant social life, love of jogging, skiing, and spending time with friends. In his later years, he found joy in relaxing on the patio with a beer and cigar, surrounded by friends.

He is predeceased by his parents, Teresa Marie (Fenn) and Alvin Lee Wilson, and his sister, Margaret Cobb. Lee is survived by his wife, Donna Wilson, and their children, Travis Wilson of Mustang, Oklahoma, and Sloan Wilson of Carrollton, Texas. He is also survived by numerous family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of Lee's life will be held in the near future, please contact family for details. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Red Cross ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)) or to A Living Tribute ([www.alivingtribute.org](http://www.alivingtribute.org)).

Lee Eugene Wilson's legacy of kindness, humor, and adventurous spirit will forever be cherished by all who knew him.