



John Wilson was born April 3, 1931 in Clarksville, TN. He was a life-long student who studied everything from agriculture to human culture.

After Seminary, John and Charlotte served in the Radford VA area. Later he was a professor at Lees McRae College for over 30 years before becoming the campus nurse. In addition to serving at Lees McRae, John served Avery County through Hospice and Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church as well as serving as a swimming instructor for the American Red Cross.

Besides teaching, nursing, and visiting people, John loved the outdoors — beekeeping, gardening, hiking, camping, and music — all living things, especially his family, friends, and his God.

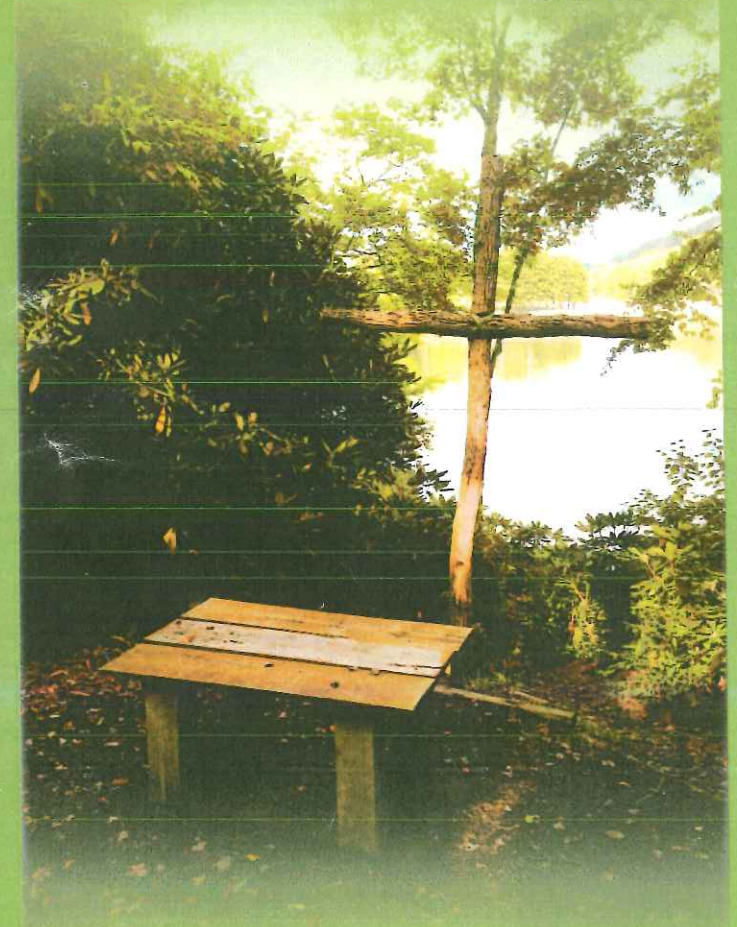
John Wilson was a giver. He gave his life to others. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to:

- Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church Help Fund  
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*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24



*Service of Witness to the  
Resurrection and Celebration of the  
Life of John Wilson*

1931 - 2014

**I** am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

<sup>11</sup> "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

<sup>16</sup> "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other."

- John 15:1-17

# Order of Service



## Prelude

Teresa Taylor

## Opening Scripture and Welcome

## Prayer

## Song

Peace Like a River ~ Benjie Guest

## Reading from Scripture

John 15:1-17

## Words of Comfort and Gratitude

Matt Wilson

Brent Price

Tee Gatewood

## Song

I'll Fly Away ~ Rhodyjane Meadows and Thistle Dew

## Presentation of the Flag

## Prayer

## Benediction

## I'll Fly Away

Some bright morning  
when this life is over  
I'll fly away  
To that home on Gods  
celestial shore  
I'll fly away

### Refrain

*I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away in the morning  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away*

When the shadows  
of this life have gone  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from these  
prison walls I'll fly  
I'll fly away

### Refrain

Oh how glad and happy  
when we meet  
I'll fly away  
No more cold iron shackles  
on my feet  
I'll fly away

### Refrain

Just a few more weary days  
and then I'll fly away  
To a land where joys  
will never end  
I'll fly away

### Refrain