



John T. Wilson, 1932 - 2026

John T Wilson, age 94, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. A man of deep faith, enduring music, and steady devotion, he leaves behind a legacy that spanned nearly a century. He was born in Evansville on March 21, 1932. He was the son of Gordon and Evelyn Olmstead Wilson.

John T. Wilson earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Evansville College and his Master of Music Education degree from Butler University. He was the band director at North Putnam High School in Roachdale for 40 years. His bands consistently received the highest accolades. The marching band proudly represented North Putnam in eight State Marching Finals contests from 1984-1993. He has served as a past president of the Indiana School Music Association, Indiana State School Music Association, and the Indiana Bandmaster's Association. He was a member of Phi Beta Mu American School Band Directors Association, and Music Educators' National Conference. He was named Outstanding Band Director in the State of Indiana, awarded Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster, Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Award, John Philip Sousa Sudler Order of Merit and Bandworld Legion of Honor.

His commitment to his community was perhaps most visible at Roachdale Christian Church, where he served faithfully for over 65 years. Whether through leadership, service, or simply his presence in the pews, his life was a testament to his unwavering faith and love for his church family.

While he took great pride in his work and ministry, John's greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife Bernice for 66 years and a cornerstone of strength, faith and kindness to his children. He took immense delight in watching his family grow, cherishing his role as a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his son Tom Wilson, daughter Susan Denney (Bill), grandsons William (Allison), Cameron (Lauren), Graham and great grandchildren Beckham, Eila and Isabelle.

The visitation will be at Roachdale Christian Church 1 North Walnut St. Roachdale, IN on Monday April 6, 2026 from 4:00pm-7:00pm and Tuesday April 7, 2026 from 10:00am until the Celebration of Life service at 11:00am. Burial will follow in Roachdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Roachdale Christian Church in his memory.

His memory lives on in the hearts of those who loved him.