



April 9, 1923 -- March 13, 2017

AYER, MA -- Robert (Bob) Wilson, age 93, passed away peacefully at his home in Ayer, MA, on March 13, 2017. Born in Holden, MA, he was the oldest of seven children. Bob grew up working his family's farm before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. After being honorably discharged, he met the love of his life, Barbara on a blind date. The two married and moved to Littleton where they built their home, their family, their business and their life, together. Bob operated the Shell and Texaco stations in the center of Littleton in the 1950's and then opened Wilson's Esso service station at the Littleton Depot, selling the business in 1977. Never particularly gifted at sitting still, he continually found new ways to keep rolling, driving the local school bus, delivering mail, or selling real estate. An active community member, Bob enjoyed driving guide cars for large trucks and volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program for the elderly. He was a classic car enthusiast, rebuilding several of his own, and holding office in the Early Ford V8 Club of New England and the Pierce-Arrow Society. Together with Barbara, his wife of 64 years, they traveled all over the U.S. with their classic cars, featuring them in auto shows and local parades. Bob also loved auto racing, fishing, boating and most of all, spending time with his friends and family.

In addition to his wife Barbara, Bob is survived by his sister Phyllis Williams, of Belfast ME; son Gary and wife Nancy, of New Ipswich, NH; daughter Diane Morgan and husband Wayne, of Littleton, MA; daughter Mary Ann Wilson, of Ormond by the Sea, FL; four granddaughters and their spouses; and three great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held in Bob's honor.

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