

*A Service of Witness to the Resurrection*

**Dennis E. (Denny) Wilkie**

**October 9, 1940 – November 9, 2022**



Gilbert Presbyterian Church

2:00 pm January 28, 2023

# **In Celebration of the Life of Dennis Eugene Wilkie**

<b>WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Pastor George Prohaska
<b>HYMN</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Hymn 39
<b>PRAYER</b>		Rev. Dr. Terry Palmer
<b>OLD TESTAMENT LESSON</b>		Rev. Dr. Terry Palmer
	Psalm 23	
<b>A TIME FOR REMEMBERING</b>		Don Boyd and Jon Achilles
<b>NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS</b>		Pastor George Prohaska
	John 14:1-6, 27	
<b>HOMILY</b>		Pastor George Prohaska
<b>CHOIR ANTHEM</b>	<i>On Eagles' Wings</i>	GPC Chancel Choir
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		Pastor George Prohaska
<b>POEM</b>	<i>Awaken the Wood</i>	Pastor George Prohaska
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Hymn 649
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Pastor George Prohaska

You are invited to join us for a reception following the service  
in the Palmer Center.

You are also invited to Mary Ann & Dennis' home after 4:30pm  
today to visit with the family.

9225 E. Lindner Ave, Mesa 85209 Gate code #8247  
480-277-4066 – Mary Ann's phone

*Memorial Donations may be made in Dennis' name to  
Gilbert Presbyterian Church*

## AWAKEN THE WOOD

A cabinetmaker's hands move over the wood  
Checking to see if the pattern is good.  
Making sure that the grain lines up as it should  
The cabinetmaker's hands move over the wood.

The design in his head had troubled his brain  
But he smiled as he worked when each answer came  
Passing wood through his saw he reached for his plane  
Joining the corners and squaring the frame

Fitting a drawer 'til it's trim and it's true  
And easily glides before he gets through  
Or adjusting a hinge to give it its due  
Restoring the work or making it new

Beauty and strength of wood are his trade  
As it pleases the eye in the things that he's made  
Taking pride in his tools when honing each blade  
Clearing his bench where they're carefully laid

His shop smells of oak, cherry and pine  
Waxes and oils his pieces refined  
Bringing to life things well designed  
Withstanding the test of the passage of time

The beauty inside is released as he sands  
The man seems to know what his heart understands  
With his eye for proportion and the skill it demands  
He passes his spirit through the tools in his hands

A tree in the forest asleep as it stood  
'Til the cabinetmaker's hands awakened the wood.

Dennis Eugene (Denny) Wilkie passed away on November 9, 2022 at the age of 82.

Denny was born in Minneapolis, MN on October 9, 1940, the youngest child of John and Ada Garnet Wilkie. He grew up in St. Louis Park, MN. He served in the Marine Reserves from 1959 – 1963. In 1967 he graduated from Mankato State College with a degree in Sociology and Business Administration.

In one of his first jobs, he received training in Information Technology and became fluent in Cobol and Oracle as well as other computer languages. During his working career he was employed by such companies as Martin Marietta and the Target Corporation in their I.T. departments. In 1979 he became an independent contractor as a Program Analyst and Project Manager for such companies as LL Bean, Waste Management and several banks. Relocating to Wisconsin, Texas, and North Carolina, he finally settled in Arizona and was offered a permanent position with The Boeing Company where he retired after 10 years.

Denny was married to Beverly Ann Effertz from 1978 until her death in 2014. He married Mary Ann Glenn in 2016.

As an active member of GPC, Denny served as an Elder as well as on many committees. He was a member of the GPC Chancel Choir and was a regular participant in the Emmaus Community.

Over the years Denny had several hobbies such as jewelry making and stained glass. He loved to play golf. But his favorite hobby was woodworking. In recent years he built three redwood decks, several pieces of furniture, and most recently redwood patio tables.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ada Wilkie; wife, Beverly Wilkie; and older brother Bob Wilkie. He is survived by his and Bev's daughter Lisa Rooyakker Norman; grandson, Eric Norman; wife, Mary Ann Wilkie; stepchildren, Jim (Brenda Newhouse) Glenn, Suzie (Toby) Hanson, Annie (Brian) Blaylock; step-grandchildren, Adam Hanson, Harper Blaylock, Devyn Blaylock, and Shyanne Sutphin; and sister, Marcia Grapp; and several nieces and nephews.

<https://www.azgpc.org/dennis-wilkie-memorial.html>