

*A Service of Worship to the glory of God
In celebration and memory of*



Richard Elbert Wilson
November 25, 1931-April 13, 2023
First United Methodist Church of Gainesville

Dr. Harold Henderson
Officiating Pastor

May 6, 2023

*Please join with family and friends after the service for a reception
in the Fellowship Hall.*

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE TRIBUTE VIDEO*

PRELUDE Gavan Mcvey

GATHERING Dr. Harold Henderson

THE WORD OF GRACE AND PRAYER

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #451

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 23 Romans 8 (selected verses) John 14 (selected verses)

HYMN “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #110
vs. 1 & 4

PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES Diane Wojcik

WORDS OF COMFORT

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN “Amazing Grace” #378
vs. 1, 3 & 5, 6

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*created with love by Dick’s daughter, Linda, and son-in-law, Douglas
*Memorial gifts may be made to First UMC in support of the
Community Outreach Ministry.*

Richard E. Wilson, 91, of Interlachen, Florida passed away on April 13, 2023, following an extended illness.

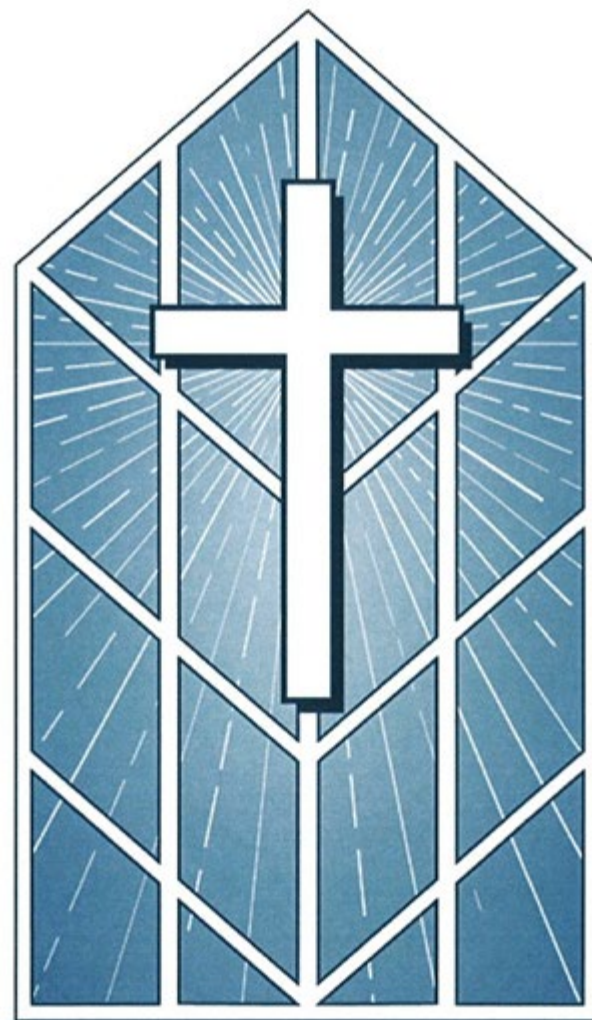
Richard, fondly known as Dick to his friends, was born in Morgan County, Ohio. He became an ordained Methodist minister after graduating from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL. He had a painting business while in college. Richard served as pastor in 6 Ohio Methodist churches in New Philadelphia, Broken Sword, Pennsville, Lorain, Huntington, and Brewster before retiring. After retiring, he moved the family to Interlachen, Florida in 1972 where he followed his dream and passion for antiques, opening two antique stores in Interlachen and St. Augustine. He also participated in antique mall shows all across the Southeast. He named the stores, "The Old Buckeye Country Store" in honor of his home state of Ohio whose official state tree is the Buckeye. After retiring from the antique business, he worked for the University of Florida.

Dick married Ruth Ann Schneider on the same day he graduated from Baldwin Wallace College. They started dating after high school and both attended the Berea United Methodist Church where they were both active in the youth group. They were married for 68 years in June.

Dick was a 32nd degree Mason and was active for many years in Ohio. He was active in the civil rights movement and marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and Jim Lawson. Dick was also a conscientious objector on the grounds of his religious principles. He was a ministerial student when his C.O. status was granted.

His hobbies and passions were antiques, antique cars and trucks, of which he had 4, collecting Coca Cola memorabilia, and spending time with his family and friends. He also built a beautiful log cabin, summer home, in Ohio filled with his prized antiques. He enjoyed getting together with several men's morning coffee groups in Florida, South Carolina, and Ohio.

Dick will be dearly missed by his wife, Ruth Ann, three daughters and one son; Diane (Mike), Linda (Douglas), Brenda (Greg), Jeff (Diane), four grandchildren; Sarah (Jason), Robbie (Becca), Drew, Allie and one great grandchild, William. He also had numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.



*"Well done my good
and faithful servant."*

Matthew 25:21