



Harry Garfield Wilcox, Jr.

February 1, 1947 - June 27, 2016

Attorney Harry Garfield Wilcox, Jr., 69, passed away on June 27, 2016, in Roswell, New Mexico. He was born February 1, 1947, in Alamogordo, NM, to Harry Garfield, Sr. and Virginia Wilcox.

Harry began working with the family business started by his father, Harry, Sr. called Wilcox Electric, which later became known as Apple Electric when they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. During this time, Harry attended Grand Canyon University to pursue Seminary studies. Harry later pursued a law degree attending Oral Roberts University. Harry later relocated back to New Mexico joining the District Attorney's office in Lincoln County. He then joined the Public Defender's office where he practiced for 4 years before moving to Australia. Harry also furthered his studies at Melbourne University and obtained his Master's Degree in Law. He was then accepted and admitted to the Victorian Bar as a Barrister. During this time, Harry enjoyed traveling, boating, fishing, skiing and various sports including golf, cricket and Australian rules football with his family. During Harry's early years, he participated in local Rodeo's as a bull rider. Harry, also being a musician and singer, formed his own band known as Children of the Night. He played music and recorded records with his uncle, Calvin Boles who operated Yucca records in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Preceding Harry in death are his parents: Harry Garfield Sr. and Virginia Wilcox; ex-wife and mother of two of his children Felicia Barba Wilcox; and recently daughter, Candace.

Those surviving Harry's memory are his sons: Todd Holmes of Alamogordo, NM, Harry Wilcox III "Tres" of Roswell, NM, and Harrison Wilcox of Melbourne, Australia; Carolyn Wilcox (mother of Harrison) also of Melbourne, Australia, and his brother, Randy Wilcox of Farmington, NM.

A Memorial Service will be Thursday, July 7, 2016, 3:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral home and Crematory in Roswell, NM. Harry's cremains will then be taken to Melbourne, Australia, to spend his eternal-life in one of the places he loved most.

Tribute Wall

 Jim
Lowry

“Harry was a good friend and excellent mentor to me. He shaped me up into a criminal defense lawyer quickly, but I enjoyed the time we spent together talking about cases, the law, and broader issues of society and personal life so much it never even felt like work. He always had the greatest sense of humor about everything from the frivolously silly to even the darkest subjects. He had this way of putting everyone that spoke with him at ease with the slightest of grins and a little chuckle. It just felt like here we are, getting paid to talk about things we know, care about, and find endlessly amusing, and taking every opportunity to improve our craft and throw a wrench in the works. The hours spent with Harry in his office throwing ideas around will always be remembered in my heart as some of the best hours I ever worked. And the later trial acquittals that I saw him achieve for his clients, some of which were quite stunning, inspired me to seek the same in my own career.

There must be thousands of people, quite literally, that owe Harry a part of their life, and some lucky few among them who but for Harry's marvelous talent would be spending the remainder of their miserable days locked in a prison, instead of walking free. For the rest of the thousands, he saved them a term of years, a degree of reputation from ruin, a place of psyche kept safe from the dehumanization and brutalization of extended incarceration. When one adds together all these lives, pieces of lives, these dignities and minds, one finds the immeasurable impact of this man on the world.

My condolences go out to his surviving family members, I hope they know how much Harry will be missed and how much gratitude he is owed by so many.

Jim Lowry - July 07, 2016 at 09:34 PM

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“ I only had the opportunity to meet Harry twice, but his presence definitely made an impact on me. I hope he understood what a difference in life he made to so many people in his life. My heart goes out to the family of this wonderful man. Thank you, Harry, for the impact you made in my life as well as so many others. Rest in peace.

Julia - July 07, 2016 at 10:54 AM

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“ ..a golden heart stops beating, hard working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best." You upbeat nature, and sweet disposition will be truly missed, Harry. So glad I had the chance to get to know you. -Leaha Trujillo

Leaha - July 06, 2016 at 05:09 PM

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“ Harry, you will be missed by so many. You were always kind, gentle and respectful. God bless you as you rest peacefully now without the pain.
G'day and G'bye Now Mate.
Kay Steen



Kay Steen - July 06, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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“ Harry was a kind and gentle soul. He had real compassion for his clients and people in general. He was highly respected by all. May God bless his family. Harry is at peace now. Carmen Cordova and Lily Salcido

Carmen Cordova - July 05, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ Harry was a shining star in our public defenders office in Roswell. He helped many clients and always had a "good day" for all the staff. We are saddened by the sudden loss of our Harry and for his family. We love you Harry.

Amy Lynch English - July 03, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ Harry and I raised a lot of hell in high school. May god have mercy on his sole.

Art Jenkins

Arthur Jenkins - July 02, 2016 at 06:39 PM



“ You touched my life so briefly and we parted with too much trauma. But you brought into my life two shining stars, Candace and Tres. In my soul, I know Candace is welcoming you with open arms in God's Peace. I never said "Thank You" but in the short time we shared, you taught me to believe in myself and go for my dreams. I did reach my MSW and then went on to spend several decades as a crime victim advocate within prosecution. You taught me courage to fight for what I believed was right. I went on to help write the NM Constitutional Amendment for Crime Victims. I helped write so many bills for crime victims over the years, but more importantly I spend so much time with crime victims trying to make a difference. Their thanks you were an "echo" to you, Harry. For without knowing you, it might never have happened. So now, "Thank You, Harry", and "may you rest in peace in God's Loving Arms." Deborah

Deborah Kesler - July 02, 2016 at 01:44 PM

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I knew Harry in grade school and throughout his life. Loved him dearly. Years would pass without keeping in touch and then he would pop up. He was a wonderful person and I am so pleased to have known him. Remember when you are young and take and puff on cigarettes? He made me at 13 years old, inhale one until I was sick and I have never smoked! So many stories I could tell. I am still in shock that he is gone. My love and condolences to his family! Susie Oliver Corbett

Susie Oliver Corbett - July 05, 2016 at 04:28 PM

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Please accept condolences from Harry's high school graduating class, the Alamogordo High School class of 1965. Jan Roemersberger Petrzelka

Janet Petrzelka - July 06, 2016 at 07:58 AM