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**W**ilson, William Alvin Jr. "Rip" -Age 65 of Nashville passed away on Saturday, March 5th at his home. He was born in Asheville, NC and served in the US Army. He was honorably discharged after six years of service. He moved to Nashville in 1964 to play on the Grand Ole Opry. He was a respected musician and played his guitars with passion every time he picked them up. He had a great fondness for Elvis Presley: the man, the music, the entertainer. He also enjoyed hunting and had a love for fishing. He was an avid gun collector as well. He loved his friends and family and will be missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his mother, Martha Nell Wilson. He is survived by his father, William Alvin Wilson, Sr. of Asheville, NC; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Christy Wilson; and grandsons, Eli and Ethan Wilson, all of Nashville. He is also survived by several uncles, aunts, and numerous cousins all left to cherish his memory. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 12th from 2-4PM and a Memorial Service will follow in the chapel officiated by Rev. Steve Saunders at SPRING HILL FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY 5110 Gallatin Rd. 1-(615)-865-1101



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

I once played guitar with Del Reeves and, once my telecaster was out of commission. Rip loaned me his guitar for a couple weeks so I could go on the road while mine was being repaired. Some things are never forgotten. I also know how the nickname "RIP" George Owens & Pam

March 12 at 1:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I've known Rip and his fine musicianship for many years! Among several other engagements, I worked a 28-day West Coast Tour with Rip and the Kitty Wells Show back in the mid-70's! In more recent years, I would run into him every once in a while just John E. Bechtel

March 12 at 12:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rip and I had many good times. We worked together with Bob Luman and Jim Ed Brown. Done several T.V. Shows together. A long time friend I will miss him. Jerry Braswell

March 11 at 11:03 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Everytime we got together, Pete & Bill would play the guitars, Bill use to say " If you can sing it, I can play it" and man could he ever, We have been on, and backstage at the Grand ole opery several times, We went to see him other times and places also, Pete & Linda Phelps

March 11 at 9:39 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We will miss him very much Betty Harris

March 11 at 7:37 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear of your passing and we want to send our condolences to your family. We shared many hours together playing music and hunting. We will miss you friend and may you rest in peace. Leslie and Ron Elliott

March 10 at 9:18 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rip gave me my first job in Nashville with Bob Luman....He also recommended me for the Jim Ed Brown & Helen C job....The last time I worked with him was in a little church in White house Tn.He always treated me with kindness and a good heart.I will ALWAYS Mike Schrimpf

March 10 at 9:08 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mark and Christy and boys sorry for your loss I know He meet a lot to you,also if you need anything let me know sorry agin for your loss are prayers are with you all in your time of need. love Chad and family. Chad Cooper

March 8 at 8:14 PM



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