

The Tom Wilson Memorial Fund

Thomas "Tom" G. Wilson, native of Rochester, was an active member in his community and a local hero. He owned and operated Wilson Fertilizer & Grain and Wilson Corn Products, and also helped to establish the Fulton County Railroad. Tom served on the Board of Directors for both the Indiana Renewable Fuels and Indiana Quarter Horses Association, was a former member of the Flying Hoofs Saddle Club, and served as a member of the Fulton County Historical Power Association. Aside from all of these things, Tom was also a Rochester volunteer firefighter for 25 years, a member of the Rochester Oddfellows Lodge and part of the Fulton County Fair Board for 37 years.



Tom passed away on May 28, 2006. His funeral was very large with more than 1,000 of his closest friends and family in attendance. The Fulton County Fairgrounds Community Building was filled to capacity where he was eulogized as a family man, horseman, businessman, and, most importantly, as a friend.

Tom loved spending time with his grandchildren, family, and friends. Being that he was a devoted fisherman and hunter, Tom enjoyed being outdoors as frequently as possible. He also had a passion for raising and showing quarter horses.

His wife, Nedra, and his daughters wanted to continue his legacy in the community and establish a fund with the Community Foundation. They went on to create the Tom Wilson Memorial Fund in his honor. The fund helps to support local agricultural and educational programs as well as community events. Creating this fund was his family's way of ensuring that Tom's love for his community lives on.

Tom has been described as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, dedicated friend and public servant. Tom loved the community and devoted many hours toward the improvement of Fulton County's collective home. Tom's life was full of giving, and in return, he earned the unyielding support of the community.