



Roger J. Wille

June 25, 1962 - October 2, 2025

Roger J. Wille, age 63, passed away on October 2, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of strength, service, and compassion. Born on June 25, 1962, Roger lived a life marked by dedication to his family, his community, his students, and the many animals and people he helped along the way.

Roger's family meant everything to him. He is survived by his mother, Judith A. (Michael) Baker (née Dresden); siblings Larry (Laura) Wille, Diane Wille Fancher, and Scott (Lisa) Wille; nieces and nephews Erik (Jennifer) Wille, Dana (Karl) Resch, Devon Fancher, and Calvin Fancher; and six grandnieces and one grandnephew who will carry on his legacy of strength and compassion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald J. Wille, and his beloved son, James Carlisle-Winston-Wille, whose memory Roger cherished every day.

Roger was a man of extraordinary strength, both in spirit and in body. A 5th-degree black belt Master in Taekwondo, he dedicated his life to discipline, teaching, and empowering others through martial arts. At one point he owned two Taekwondo schools where he mentored countless students, instilling confidence, respect, and resilience.

His commitment to protecting others extended far beyond martial arts. As the

Detroit chapter lead of the Guardian Angels, Roger was a fierce advocate for neighborhood safety, patrolling streets, supporting youth, and offering a steady hand in uncertain times.

Roger found great joy in simply being outdoors. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast that loved exploring open roads with a sense of freedom and purpose. When he wasn't out riding, he found peace by the water with a fishing rod in hand.

An animal lover to his core, Roger was a dedicated rescuer of all creatures great and small. He bred and adored Cane Corso dogs and had three of his own. On top of that, he shared his home with two Chow Chows, two cats, and a ball python. His animals were his world, and they will all miss him dearly. Roger also had a love for collecting plants. He even took in the unwanted or dying plants of others and nursed them back to life.

Roger lived with quiet courage, fierce loyalty, and a heart wide open to those in need. He will be remembered as a protector, mentor, animal lover, and family man. His presence will be missed, but his impact will not be forgotten.

A visitation for Roger will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 9:30a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3blks E. of Van Dyke) in Utica. Luncheon immediately following at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Ave (NE corner of Hall Rd. and Van Dyke) in Utica.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ So sorry to hear, I knew Roger from his Hamtramck dojo, my son attended and I volunteered. May he rest in peace.

Kathi Maciejewski - November 06, 2025 at 03:23 PM

LS

“ Lawrence S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger J. Wille.

Lawrence S. - October 23, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger J. Wille.



October 20, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TM

“ You will be so missed my heart hurts



Tina marie - October 18, 2025 at 09:30 PM

MA

“ ROGER DODGER I AFFECTIONALLY CALLED U. I LOVE YOU BROTHER AND I WILL MISS OUR TALKS. U TRAINED ME AT COREWELL WHEN I STATRED IN 2015. I REMEMBER THE DAY U SHOIWED ME EVERY SINGLE STAIRWELL IN THE HOSPITAL MY FEET HURT SO BAD I CALLED U STAIRMASTER. RIP BROTHER



MARI - October 16, 2025 at 02:32 AM

TS

“ Roger, I'm going to miss them after work walks out to our cars together, and those crazy Patient assistance calls you always handled so well. God Bless you on your journey across the river Brother. Rest in Peace until we meet again.

Tommy Spanski - October 12, 2025 at 09:42 AM

HS

“ Like so many of you, who were part of Roger's life, the loss of his life is difficult to wrap our hearts and minds around, truly heartbreaking. I share not a memory but the lyrics of a song. "Like a comet, Blazing 'cross the evening sky
Gone too soon. Like a rainbow, fading in the twinkling of an eye.
Gone too soon. Shiny and sparkly, And splendidly bright, Here one day, Gone one night. Like the loss of sunlight, On a cloudy afternoon,
Gone too soon. Like a castle, Built upon a sandy beach
Gone too soon. Like a perfect flower That is just beyond your reach,
Gone too soon. Born to amuse, to inspire, to delight, Here one day
Gone one night. Like a sunset Dying with the rising of the moon,
Gone too soon.
Gone too soon." May God grant us all his grace and comfort as we navigate this sorrow filled journey.

Heather

Heather Sanger - October 10, 2025 at 10:16 AM