



Xander Joseph Wilder

September 7, 2006 - August 8, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Xander Joseph Wilder, who

left this world on Friday, August 8, 2025 at the age of 18 as the result of an automobile accident.

Xander was born on September 7, 2006 in Fort Myers, Florida. He grew up in Lehigh

Acres, Florida and graduated with the class of 2025 from Donna J. Beasley Technical Academy.

Xander brought joy, laughter, and light into the lives of everyone who knew him.

Xander is survived by his father Joseph Wilder. He was the treasured grandchild of Betty

Wilder and John and Beverly Thornton and will be deeply missed by his girlfriend Jaylynn Reed, Uncle Jeremy (Aunt Liz) Wilder,

Aunt Dena (Uncle Eep) Mayer, Aunt Gretchen Catalfamo, Uncle Nick (Aunt Krystal) Wilder, Aunt Sara

Thornton, and many cousins, family, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Xander was known for his kindness, sense of humor, creativity, determination, and

compassion. He loved fishing, spending time at the beach with friends, and had dreams of

starting his own business and designing his own shoe brand. Though Xander's time here was far too short, his impact on those around him will last a lifetime. His smile, warmth, and spirit will be remembered always.

Xander was preceded in death by his beloved grandfather, George Wilder. A celebration of Xander's life will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 11:30am at Lee Boulevard Baptist Church, 3107 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL, with a luncheon to follow.

Friends and family are invited to share stories, memories, and love.

Previous Events

Church Service

AUG **13**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Lee Boulevard Baptist Church
3107 Lee Boulevard
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Tribute Wall

FA

“ Too many memories for one post. You are loved and you'll be missed X. My prayers are with you and your family.



Fanny - August 12, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Xander Joseph Wilder.

August 12, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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“ Donna J Beasley Technical Academy Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Xander Joseph Wilder.



Donna J Beasley Technical Academy Family - August 12, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Xander Joseph Wilder.



August 12, 2025 at 03:16 PM

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“ *The Business Office Staff at the EUPISD purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Xander Joseph Wilder.*



The Business Office Staff at the EUPISD - August 12, 2025 at 08:48 AM

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“ *Sara and I often think of Xander even though we're far away. One way he will always be a part of our lives is from when he was quite young and had just learned to talk. He would say things such as dot dog for hot dog, bean beans for green beans and missmas for Christmas. Even today his mispronunciation is part of our vocabulary and always will be. Our world is a poorer place without him in it.*

Bev Thornton - August 11, 2025 at 11:42 PM



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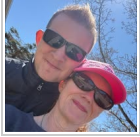
August 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Xander Joseph Wilder.*



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“ Aunt Betty, Joe, Dena, I am so sorry we cannot be down there with you at this time. Know that we loved Xander very much! We will forever treasure our memories of making tons and tons of batches of Christmas cookies and going to the beach and the other adventures that we had when we would come down to Florida. We love you all and are praying for God’s peace in your hearts. Melissa/Lisa, Jarami, and Joshua



Melissa Peters - August 11, 2025 at 09:26 PM