Dr. Thomas Joseph Horton, 75, of Wilson died Thursday. Funeral services will be private. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Joyner’s Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway, and other times, at the home of his daughter.

Dr. Horton possessed an ethical character that cannot be surpassed, and he was involved in many activities that further enriched his life. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, and he was a chef at heart, spending hours upon hours creating a diversity of foods. His hobbies included flying, woodworking, and metalworking. He was honored to be a member of the Sons of the Confederacy, and even had his own swing band in the good old days. Dr. Horton was a multi-talented and multi-gifted and loved by all.

Dr. Horton is survived by his wife, Barbara Tyndall Horton; a daughter, Alice Horton Wiggins and husband, Hart, of Elm City; a son, Thomas Joseph “Jay” Horton Jr. and wife, Abi, of Morehead City; three granddaughters, Gretchen Wiggins of Wilson, Alice Cox Horton and Abi Horton, both of Morehead City; two grandsons, Zack Wiggins and wife, Amy, and Turner Wiggins, all of Wilson; a great-grandson, Mack Wiggins of Wilson; a brother, James Frederick “Skip” Horton Jr. and wife, Ruth Ann, of Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Frederick Horton and Gretchen Harper Horton.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to WilMed Hospice, 1705 Tarboro St., SW, Wilson, NC 27893.

Arrangements are by Joyner’s Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway. Condolences may be directed to www.joyners.net

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