



David Woody Wilson

January 30, 1950 - August 27, 2024

Wilson, David Woody of Crestwood, Missouri, was born January 30, 1950 in San Diego, California and entered into rest Tuesday, August 27, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 74 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Luther “Woody” and Vivian (nee Polk) Wilson; his son, Sean Wilson; and his brother, Robert “Dennis” Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vari Wilson; two (2) daughters, Verdell Wilson and April Wilson; his four (4) grandchildren, Michael Wilson, Devyn Wilson, Sean-Pierre Akers-Kennedy, and Aidan Kalinsky; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of David, whose life was marked by an unwavering dedication to his community and country. David proudly served in the United States Army as an Electronic Warfare Specialist and Signal Intelligence Morse Interceptor during the Vietnam War. His 20-year military career was distinguished by numerous honors, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam War Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), and many more.

After retiring from the Army, David channeled his expertise into founding a

successful personal security and protection business, where he continued to make a positive impact. He also took great pride in leading a local neighborhood watch program, demonstrating his commitment to keeping his community safe.

An avid gamer, David embraced technology and had a passion for massively multiplayer strategy games, dedicating hours and hours to playing with and mentoring fellow gamers from all over the world. Outside of games, he enjoyed Celtic folk music, painting, and crafting. A history buff and proud Missourian, he was passionate about reading and sharing knowledge, particularly about the rich history and people of Missouri. His favorite quote was, "I am from Missouri. You have got to show me."

David will always be remembered for a staunch commitment to his principles and strong sense of purpose. May he rest in peace.

Committal Service with full Military Honors will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 11:00am at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, 2900 Sheridan Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63125.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made on behalf of David Wilson to the Concordia Lutheran Education Fund, <https://www.ckhome.org/our-school>.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan Road
St. Louis, MO 63125
(314) 845-8320
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/jeffersonbarracks.asp>

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

SEP **24**. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ RIP Derby. Like Derby, I am a native Missourian, from the Show-Me State. Derby showed all, he was a natural leader and had a calming presence. I never was stationed with him, and was fortunate to get to know him through the ARMY Duffy Reunions. He will be missed.

Steven Whitaker CRM IGP - September 22, 2024 at 03:12 PM

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“ Thank you for your service, brother. Rest in Peace!

william perry - September 21, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Woody Wilson.



September 20, 2024 at 07:03 PM

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“ Your SpaceX Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Woody Wilson.

Your SpaceX Family - September 20, 2024 at 07:03 PM