



Troy Odell Wilburn

May 18, 1935 - March 15, 2018

Troy Odell Wilburn, 82, of Kelso, MO, died at 10:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

Troy was born May 18, 1935 in Hartford, IL, son of Calvin and Glenna Wilburn.

He and Tonita Ann Moore of Cairo, IL were married June 29, 1954 in Mounds, IL.

Troy's first career was with the U.S. Air Force where he served as Chief Management Analyst for many military operations. He was involved with the occupation of Korea, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the first Unified Command Headquarters, long range bombing of North Vietnam, and working on major operational plans. He achieved the highest enlisted grade of Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) at an unprecedented early date and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal while in Vietnam. He conducted studies and analyses at several headquarters eventually retiring from SAC Headquarters in Omaha, NE.

Troy was considered to be a man of all trades. After retiring from the USAF, he held a variety of positions that included owning a lumber yard and several home remodeling businesses. He served as department director in a Community Action Agency, ran a bowling alley and managed apartment complexes. He and Toni lived in several Southern Illinois and Southeast

Missouri locations during that period before settling in Kelso, MO in 1992.

Troy grew up and attended schools in Mound City, IL where he excelled in sports. He continued to play basketball and baseball while in the service. He was an avid bowler over 40 years and a talented karaoke singer in his later years. He and Toni possessed an unusual love and attraction that lasted over 63 years. He was devoted to his family and always insured quality family time. He will be sadly missed by his family and ever increasing circle of friends.

Troy is survived by his loving spouse and three children; Russell Jay (Mary) Wilburn of Cape Girardeau; Walter Lowell Wilburn of Scott City and Bonnie Marie McClard (J.B.) of Scott City; five sisters, Lynda Stevens of Frankfort, IN, Patty (Harold) Schmarje of Jackson, MO; Shirley Black of Saint Louis, MO, Donna Holman of East Cape Girardeau, IL and Karen Rae (Michael) Smiddy of Hamilton, OH; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Troy was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers, Harold, Barry and Michael Wilburn.

Friends and relatives may call from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Tommy Miller officiating.

Burial will follow at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield with full military honors.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

17357 Stars & Stripes Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Charles and I was so sorry to hear of Troy's passing. We loved that man and had so many memories, and good times spent together. I won't be able to go over and be with you all, but Charlie will. Just know that I will truly miss him. And I send my love to you all.
Love, Jeanie & Charlie

Jeanie Fiessinger - March 19, 2018 at 04:31 PM



“ Jay and Walt, my prayers are with you. Although I do not know your Dad, I know he was an amazing person to have reared men like you. Prayers for all the family are sent. Pat L. Silman

Patricia L Silman - March 17, 2018 at 10:50 PM

TW

“ Toni, I am so sorry for your loss. I am so glad I got to know you both and enjoyed the times I got to visit with you with TJ. I will be praying for you and your family. Thelma Walburn

Thelma Walburn - March 17, 2018 at 09:47 PM

MO

“ I am sorry to hear of Troy' s passing. Toni you are in my thoughts and prayers. I thought Troy was a wonderful man! I loved the lunch we had together at Steak n Shake a couple months ago.

Monica - March 17, 2018 at 08:48 PM

CG

“ So sorry to hear about Troy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol and Randy George - March 17, 2018 at 04:46 PM

JM

“ *The first time we met, I saw a “Gentle Giant”. It was clear to see the deep love you had for all of your family. It was also clear to see that same love and respect your family had for you. I’m very honored that you and Toni, allowed me to become a part of that, when you both generously welcomed me into your family, and gave your blessings for mine and Bonnie’s marriage.*



I want to thank you one more time for your many years of honorable military service during war, and peace. You were a prime example of a truly courageous, “American Patriot” that loved, and served our nation faithfully.

Troy, you will always have my humble respect, admiration, and love. I am honored to have known you, even for a short time. At the end of my life, I hope I’m half the “Giant”, and “Patriot” you were.

You will honestly be missed by all who knew you. Rest In Peace, Gentle Giant!

J.B. McClard - March 17, 2018 at 03:18 PM

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J.B. McClard - March 17, 2018 at 11:59 AM

DP

“ Dave Petermichel lit a candle in memory of Troy Odell Wilburn



Dave Petermichel - March 17, 2018 at 11:53 AM

WT

“ I will remember Troy as the one who contributed the most, nearly on a daily basis, to the MCCHS communication list with those who attended this high school. He was always exhibiting encouragement to all of us. I will miss that love and concern. Wanda Troester

Wanda Troester - March 17, 2018 at 09:31 AM