



Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson

August 25, 1925 - March 14, 2020

Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson, 94, passed away peacefully at his home on March 14, 2020. He was born in Allenwood, Ohio on August 25, 1925 to the late Burlin and Mattie Florence Davis Wilson and grew up in Pulaski County around the Eubank area. While attending Eubank High School at the age of eighteen, he was drafted into the Army during World War II. He was a tank driver in the 4th Division, fought in the Battle of Hurston Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. He was one of the first Americans to liberate Paris, France and Dachau concentration camps. He received an honorable discharge at the end of the war, he returned home and graduated from Eubank High School. He went to Sue Bennett College in London, Ky, transferred to Eastern College in Richmond, Ky. He graduated with a degree in Industrial Arts and Biology, and later returned to get his master's degree in School Administration. He taught Industrial Arts at Carlisle City School and Bourbon County High School. He was a former principal at Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Elementary School, dealing with everyday life that went on at school, he worked with bus drivers, repaired broken equipment, made schedules, finances, parents, students and teachers. He was a member of KEA and NEA, A Boy Scout Leader, a member of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle, where he sang in the choir. He was a Mason for Sixty five years. He served on the Carlisle City Counsel for two terms. He was a member of the Utopia Club, helping set up for County Fairs. He served on the Park and Recreation Committee, the cleaning up of East End Ball Park and program planning for it

and helped raise funds for the North Central 4-H Camp. He worked to get the Head Start Program in Nicholas County and served on the Selective Service Committee for Nicholas County for many years. He married Margie Ellen Hamm on November 29, 1947 in London, Ky, they had three children; Sally Sharlene, Sandra Kay and Samuel Edward, He had four grandchildren; Melissa Carol, Rebekah Ellen, Jennifer Nicole and Colton Edward, seven great-grandchildren; Ashley, Michaela, Michael, Jonathan, Abram, Sawyer and Jude and one great-great-grandchild, Angus "Gus", a sister, Alberta Mullins, a uncle, Bud Davis. He loved to fish, folk dance, play Rook and talk, he never met a stranger. He had a strong love and concern for his parents, his job, his family and his belief in God. He was preceded in death by two sisters; Norma (Rowan) Rucker and Wilma Jean (Joe) Crowe, two brothers; Clayton Wilson and Russell (Edna) Wilson. Funeral services will be held at 11 am Friday March 20, 2020 at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Smith officiating with burial following in Carlisle Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 4 – 8 pm. Pallbearers are; Sawyer Grigsby, Michael Adkins, Jonathan Adkins, Ashley Brooke Casey, Michaela Elizabeth Shea, Abram Grigsby, Colton Wilson, Missy Hunt and Samantha Hunt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bluegrass Care Navigators 1317 US HWY 62E, Cynthiana, Ky 41031. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Carlisle Cemetery

361 West Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home
203 Eastern Ave
Carlisle, KY 40311
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Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson*

January 30, 2023 at 06:04 AM



“ I’m Patrick FISSOT, History teacher in Carentan, Normandy, a few kilometers from Utah Beach. I was lucky enough to meet Lydia KOHLER WILSON, a few years ago and together, we planned several trips in Normandy or Kentucky for their students or their comrades from France. In 2014, thanks to “Voices for Freedom” program created in Normandy, my students met M. Charlie WILSON and they did a great job, about his memory concerning WW2. Following that program, a book was published where Charlie WILSON was explaining which role he played during the war. In June, 2014, With Lydia, her students and some of “Lycée Sivard de Beaulieu” high school, I was near Charlie when he came back to Utah Beach, for the first time, after his landing there in June, 6th, 1944. That’s certainly one of the most impressive moment for me, my students and all people involved in this project. Quickly, Charlie became a well know veteran, telling his stories to all people interested in. He was invited in all official ceremonies and considered as a hero. He did a very emotional speech, in front of 5000 assemblend students, in Caen. In 2015, he came back to Normandy with Lydia and was awarded with the French Legion d’Honneur, thanks to our great job. Such another emotional moment for him, for us!

Charlie Wilson was a great man, an attentive teacher, a nice person always ready to tell stories, to explain what happened during “his” war. In the name of my students and mine, I would really send all my condolences to his family. I will always conserve his memory, as an History teacher, with my students and also as a WW2 museum curator. A hero passed away, may we could conserve his tribute to our History.

Patrick Fissot - March 19, 2020 at 11:20 AM

BF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Ruckel Frame - March 18, 2020 at 09:08 PM

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“ Barbara And Jeff Frame lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson



Barbara and Jeff Frame - March 18, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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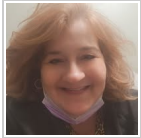
“ So sorry to learn of Mr. Wilsons passing. What an incredible man who led an exemplary life! I'm forever grateful for men like him who served our country in the way that he did. May your family find peace and comfort in the coming days! Jerry Smith, Hawesville Ky.

jerry smith - March 18, 2020 at 09:34 AM

DC

“ I met Mr. Wilson quite by accident. He turned into the Shell station in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky at the same time I did. We were next to each other at our respective gas pumps. Mr. Wilson seemed to be having difficulty getting his gas. I offered to assist him. That is when I found out he was a Veteran. He was such a nice man. This happened about 2 years ago and I have never forgotten the honor I had in meeting this wonderful man. Prayers for his family in their time of loss.

Deborah Catchings - March 17, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Bonnita Barnett lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson



Bonnita Barnett - March 17, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DS

“ Mr. Wilson a great man always a friend to everyone. We will miss you. Prayers.

Dollie Sheffield - March 16, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JW

Mr. Wilson was like my second Daddy. He would come by to visit us on the way to Fl. Or Ky. I loved him very much! He always made our days much brighter and his laughter would fill our hearts with love... he will always be my hero!! Joan Wilson Muscadine, Alabama I miss n love love him!

Joan Hagan Wilson - April 08, 2020 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ *Martha Bussell Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson*



Martha Bussell Holbrook - March 16, 2020 at 02:53 PM

SS

“ *Loved listening to Mr. Wilson's stories when he came in the VA!! He was known and cared for by many! Still have the picture he gave me of his trip to Normandy.
Many Blessings to his family..*

Susan Soper

Susan Soper - March 16, 2020 at 02:44 PM