



PFC Harold D. Wilder

"Local Hero Returning Home."

U.S. Army Private 1st Class Harold D. Wilder, 19, of Pennington Gap, was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 11, 1950 after his unit took part in defensive actions while engaged with enemy forces north of Chochiwon. Harold's remains were identified on February 17, 2023.

Harold was born in Pennington Gap, Virginia to the late William E. and Donnie E. (Munsey) Wilder. He was one of 13 children. Harold enlisted in the United States Army at a young age where he honorably served his country in the Korean War. In a true display of diligence and determination, Harold gave his life for his country.

He is now welcomed home to be laid to rest along with his siblings, George Orbin Wilder, Emmett Nelson Wilder, Hazel Garnet Thomas, Floyd Wilder, Emma Jane Hilton, Carl Edward Wilder, James Wilder, Laurence Vincent Wilder, Earnest Wayne Wilder, Brenda Ellen Price, and infant sister, Rose Wilder.

He is survived by his brother, Donald Ray Wilder; along with several nieces and nephews.

PFC Harold D. Wilder will receive a hero's welcome on Friday, April 26, 2024, at McGhee Tyson Airport in Knoxville, Tennessee with a dignified transfer ceremony. He will then be escorted to Holding Funeral Home by the United States Military.

The family will receive friends for a military graveside service on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 2:00pm in Lee Memorial Gardens. Those who wish to attend are asked to meet at the cemetery by 1:45pm. The United States Military will officiate the service.

An online register is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of U.S. Army Private 1st Class Harold D. Wilder.

Cemetery Details

Lee Memorial Gardens. Inc.

1986 HICKORY FLATS ROAD
PENNINGTON GAP, VA 24277

Previous Events

Military Rites & Graveside Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Janet Harris Wafle lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



Janet Harris Wafle - April 28, 2024 at 08:53 PM

JW

Thank you for your service R.I.P.

Janet Harris Wafle - April 28, 2024 at 08:54 PM

NL

“ *Thank you for your service. Prayers for the family. N livesay*

Norma Livesay - April 28, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JD

“ *Jackie Dennison lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



Jackie Dennison - April 28, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JD

Thank you PFC Wilder for your service & sacrifice for our country. May you be rejoined with your family. You are now resting high on that mountain. Rest in eternal peace.

Jackie Dennison - April 28, 2024 at 10:46 AM

KT

“ Kathryn Thompson lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder



Kathryn Thompson - April 28, 2024 at 02:01 AM

RT

“ RIP! Thank you for your service. Prayers for the family!



Robin Tabor - April 27, 2024 at 09:02 PM

TA

“ Thank you for your service.



Tinker Anderson - April 27, 2024 at 08:57 PM

PF

“ Thank You for your service.



Phyllis Farmer - April 27, 2024 at 07:24 PM

DF

“ Dean & Harriett Wilder & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of PFC Harold D. Wilder.

Dean & Harriett Wilder & Family - April 26, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of PFC Harold D. Wilder.



April 26, 2024 at 08:21 PM

SP

“ Susan Parker lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder



Susan Parker - April 26, 2024 at 03:28 PM

SP

“ Thankful does not even begin to express what I feel for your service and ultimate sacrifice. Welcome home, seeing your procession go through Harrogate, TN was an honor and now you can rest at home.

Susan Parker - April 26, 2024 at 03:27 PM

VS

“ Welcome Home PFC Wilder !!!!
Thanks you for the ultimate sacrifice so we can have our freedom.
We stood outside at work in Maynardville TN and watched the
escort as you passed through.

May You Rest In Peace Sir ❤️

Vanessa Sturgeon - April 26, 2024 at 02:51 PM

FR

“ Welcome home. Thank you for your sacrifice

Frank Rogers - April 25, 2024 at 05:13 AM

AS

“ Thank you for your service



Aubrey Stapleton - April 22, 2024 at 09:50 PM

AC

“ So happy he has been returned home..
God Bless you for sacrificing your life for our country🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸
Rest in peace dear soldier 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

Ann Cubine - April 21, 2024 at 02:51 PM

ZM

Thank you for your service and sacrifices 🇺🇸❤️🕊️🇺🇸 Happy you're
coming home to be laid to rest with your family 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

Zelda Merrell - April 26, 2024 at 02:33 PM

CB

“ Thank you for your service.



Carol Byington - April 21, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CC

“ *Carla Crowder lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



Carla Crowder - April 20, 2024 at 02:18 PM

LW

“ *Linda P Wingfield sent a virtual gift in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



Linda P Wingfield - April 20, 2024 at 02:03 PM

GG

“ *Glenn Gustafson lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



Glenn Gustafson - April 20, 2024 at 01:39 PM

GG

Welcome home PFC. Wilder. Thank you for serving this great country. We are forever indebted to you for your sacrifice.....

Glenn Gustafson - April 20, 2024 at 01:40 PM

SJ

“ *Sending Love and prayers for his family. Thank you for your service, we will never forget the sacrifice that you made, for our country.* ”



Shannon Johnson - April 20, 2024 at 06:04 AM

JM

“ *Welcome home Soldier* □ ”



James E. McDavid - April 19, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RW

“ *Thank you for your service Mr. Wilder! Blessings to his family* ❤️ ”



Rhonda Womble - April 19, 2024 at 08:49 PM

BN

Welcome home Soldier! Thank you you the ultimate sacrifice you have made for your country! Love and prayers for family and friends.

Beverly Nelson - April 19, 2024 at 09:01 PM

MB

“ *Mary Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



Mary Brown - April 19, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JL

“ *Jennifer Lynn Lawson lit a candle in memory of PFC Harold D. Wilder*



jennifer lynn lawson - April 19, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JL

thank you for your services

jennifer lynn lawson - April 19, 2024 at 08:19 PM

JH

Thank you for your most honorable service for our country and your ultimate sacrifice

John Hagan - April 20, 2024 at 03:33 PM

DG

Thank you for giving your all for a country that you loved. May God bless you, your family and the USA. So glad you are now going to be home.

Trigg & Dora Dinsmore Garrison

Dora Garrison - April 20, 2024 at 09:09 PM

TA

Welcome Home PFC Wilder ! Now you can rest where you belong !

Tom Andis - April 27, 2024 at 07:12 PM