



## Melvin Douglas Wilson

December 28, 1945 - November 1, 2025

Army Veteran - Melvin Douglas Wilson

Melvin Douglas Wilson, age 79, passed away peacefully after a long illness related to Agent Orange exposure from his military service on Saturday, November 1, 2025.

Melvin was born in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and grew up in Washington, D.C. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, having served honorably during the Vietnam War.

Following his service, Melvin worked as an electrician for Westmoreland Coal Company in the Electric Shop. He was known for his strong work ethic, his love of the outdoors, and his devotion to his family. Melvin found great joy in hunting, fishing, running, and especially hiking in the mountains with his sons, David and Chris.

Melvin loved his family deeply and lived a simple, meaningful life. He found peace and happiness in nature—spending countless hours hunting, trapping, and digging ginseng in the mountains he loved so dearly.

Melvin was preceded in death by his son Joseph Edward Wilson; his parents, Lloyd and Gladys (Legg) Wilson; sisters Carolyn Akel and Delores Shaw;

brother Kenneth Wilson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Janet Hall Wilson, and his faithful dog, Sam; two sons, David Clayton Wilson of Roanoke, VA, and Christopher Douglas Wilson and wife Kelli of Duffield, VA; and two grandchildren, Connor Wilson and Sophie Wilson, whom he adored. He is also survived by his sister, Joann Fleenor, and several cousins, close relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, November 6th, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St. N.).

A funeral procession will follow to Powell Valley Memorial Gardens, where the committal service will be officiated by David Kern.

Melvin's life was a testament to love, perseverance, and the beauty of simple joys. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial video is being created by Holding Funeral Home and will be updated when completed.

An online guest registry is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Melvin Douglas Wilson.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Douglas Wilson*



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**Holding Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 04, 2025 at 01:42 PM

DW

“ *I miss you dad.*

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**David Wilson** - April 10 at 03:10 PM

LT

“ *Janet so sorry to hear this news. Sending prayers for you and the family.*

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**Lynne Tull** - November 06, 2025 at 02:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin Douglas Wilson.*



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November 04, 2025 at 07:46 PM

KH

“ I am sad to hear of your loss. May peace and comfort find you in the days ahead. He will be greatly missed.

Kenneth Hart - November 04, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DH

“ Janet we are praying for you and Chris and David. Our sincere condolences to you all.

Donna Holdway - November 03, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JH

“ Janet, my heart is breaking for you and your family. Praying that God will hold you close during this sad time. My sincerest condolences in your loss.

judy Jenkins Hetz - November 03, 2025 at 11:22 AM

HF

“ Sending love and prayers to Janet and the family during this difficult time and the days ahead. 🙏❤️

Hester Stidham Fox - November 02, 2025 at 09:59 PM

HF

“ Hester Stidham Fox lit a candle in memory of Melvin Douglas Wilson



Hester Stidham Fox - November 02, 2025 at 09:56 PM

DG

“ Prayers for his family, so sorry Janet.  
God Bless  
Trigg and Dora Lynn Garrison

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**Dora Garrison** - November 02, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SF

“ Sincerest sympathy to you and all your family.  
May God wrap His loving arms around each of  
you and give you peace and comfort. Love and  
Prayers.  
Tommy and Shirley Fisher



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**Shirley Fishere** - November 02, 2025 at 07:39 PM