



Burial:

Coastal Bend Veterans Cemetery

Corpus Christi

Nueces County

Texas, USA

Plot: SECTION 1 ROW G SITE 311

Capt. James Wilson Jr., USNR (Ret.)

Captain James (Jim) S. Wilson, Jr., age 78, of Corpus Christi and Huffman, Texas passed away on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. He was born on June 24, 1936 in Schenectady, New York to parents, James S. and Ruth Wilson.

Jim graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy (Class of 58) where he lettered in 150 lb. football as a tackle. After graduating from submarine school, he served aboard the destroyer, "Hale" and submarines, "Balao, Pickeral, and Henry L. Stimson". Captain Wilson participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis Blockade and **was a plank owner and original Gold Crew Member (weapon's officer) aboard the Polaris submarine, "Henry L. Stimson"** during his active duty. He left active duty as a Lt. Commander to spend more time at home with his wife and three young sons, however, achieved the rank of Captain in the Naval Reserves.

As a civilian, Jim worked for many years for Texas Instruments in the Houston area, received a patent, and traveled extensively throughout Europe for Geo-Physical sales. He formed Nav-Mar, a marine surveying company with longtime friend, Captain F.M. Kershaw, and later worked with his brother, Bill at Montrose Molding in New Jersey. Close to retirement, Jim moved to Corpus Christi where he worked for On Call Mooring, and as a ship agent for La Quinta Marine.

Jim was an active builder and "Mr. Fix it" for most of his life. A few of his projects included: building a sailboat, kayak, go cart, TV, lake house and airplane (TeenieTwo), which he flew for many years. He was an active member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and held officer positions in the local Houston chapter. In later years, Jim became an avid radio control model aircraft hobbyist, building and flying numerous models. He also enjoyed skeet shooting at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station (Sands skeet club), windsurfing, and hunting with his family and friends.

Jim was always an active supporter of his son's athletic endeavors and attended a vast majority of their games, especially Huffman Falcons football. You always knew when Jim Wilson was in the stands. He served as the president of the Falcon's Football Booster Club.

In the words that still echo with his family, Jim Wilson would say, "Tide, Time, and Formation wait for no man, I am shoving off!"

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Katherine Apgar.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ann Burke Wilson; brother William (Bill) Wilson; three sons, Grant (Bonnie), Bruce (Kate), and Rich; and six grandchildren, Taylor, Eric, Courtney, Kyle, Lindsey, and Kelsey.

Graveside Services will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014 at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014 in the Coastal Bend Hall at Mirador in Corpus Christi , Texas (5857 Timbergate Dr.). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the James S. Wilson Memorial Foundation at the Alzheimer's Association. The Wilson family would like to thank the staff at the Mirador Memory Care and Skilled Nursing Care units, as well as, Hospice for their love and support.

To view tribute, please visit www.seasidefuneral.com.

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Wilson James Stewart JR

NAME/SURNAME: _____
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WIFE'S NAME Ann Burke Wilson
CHILDREN'S NAMES: 1. GRANT 5. _____
2. BRUCE 6. _____
3. RICHARD 7. _____
4. _____ 8. _____

HOME STATE & TOWN NEW JERSEY CRAWFORD
(STATE) (TOWN)

PREVIOUS DUTY STATIONS USS ATULE SS403
USS HARRIS DD 642 USNPGS MONTNEY
USS BALAO AGSS285

SPECIAL INTERESTS: _____

PROTOTYPE/MISSILE TRG. WEAPONS TRG DAM NECK
EXPIRATION ACTIVE OBL SERVICE 1970 ADBO _____
RELIGION Protestant SERVICE NUMBER 6 25128 TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE 8 yrs
DEPT/DIV ASSIGNMENT WEAPONS REPORTING DATE OCT 1965
SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____ ~~GRS~~ ASSIGNMENT GOLD
DATE OF BIRTH 6/24/36 WIFE'S LOCAL ADDRESS: Ramoth Wood Pine Grove Ferry
PLACE OF BIRTH Schenectady New York

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