



John Moran Wilson

March 14, 1931 - March 19, 2025

John Wilson was born in Morganton, NC, to Josephine and Moran Wilson on March 14, 1931. He graduated from Morganton High School and the University of South Carolina and pursued graduate studies at the University of Tennessee.

John was a charter member of the Morganton Elks Lodge and held life memberships in the Masonic Lodge, Moose Lodge, American Legion, VFW, and the USC Alumni Association. He was a proud Army veteran of the Korean War.

A passionate enthusiast of antique cars and airplanes, John earned a commercial pilots license with a glider certification, as well as an A&P mechanics license with Inspection Authorization. Though he never worked in aviation professionally, his dedication to the field was recognized by the FAA, which honored him with its two highest awards: the Master Pilot Award and the Master Mechanic Award.

John is survived by his daughter, Laura A. Wilson, as well as several nieces and nephews. He loved his family dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant son, John Jr.; his twin brother, George David Wilson; and his sisters, Mary Anna Shore, Ruth Russell, and Sarah Company.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Veterans Affairs at www.cdceportal.va.gov.

A visitation for John will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Chapel located at 127 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, Florida 32073.

A graveside service will be held at 2pm on Sunday, March 30, 2025 at Forest Hill Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Ran Whitley. The family will receive friends following the service. Military honors will be provided.

by the NC National Guard.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the local arrangements.

Visitation

March 30, 2025

2:30 p.m.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Service

N/A

Committal

March 30, 2025

2 p.m.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Tribute Wall

We called him "Florida John" at the American Legion in Valdese, NC. He had great stories and always made us laugh. He is missed!

—Julia Underwood



What a beautiful person he was! And a character too! I loved him. He will be missed...

—Betsy Blatz



—Melissa Russell



I'll miss you Uncle John. So proud to be a part of your family. Love you.

—Teresa Perna

Rest in peace, Uncle John. You were my hero!

—Bo Cash