



## Terry Wilkes

May 29, 1946 - November 19, 2023

Terry Eugene Wilkes, 77, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2023 surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Janet Wilkes, Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

He is survived by his brother Joe Wilkes and Carolyn Wilkes, Nashville, nephews Joe Wilkes II and Teresa Wilkes, Winfield, Alabama and Barry Wilkes and Amy Wilkes, Jacksonville Beach, Florida and niece Danette Wells and Sean Wells, Smyrna, Tennessee. As well as, a host of great nieces and nephews who dearly loved their Uncle Terry. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe Ezra Wilkes and Rebecca Wilkes, Giles County, Tennessee, and brothers, William Wilkes and Jimmy Wilkes.

Terry was born in Giles County, Tennessee and in 1953, the family moved to Nashville. He graduated as part of the first senior class of Stratford High School, Nashville, Tennessee.

Terry served in the United States Army Infantry from August, 1966 - August, 1968. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor and a Purple Heart, among others.

Alongside Janet, Terry owned and was the President of CMI Equipment Sales for over thirty years.

He was a resident of Goodlettsville for over 30 years and was a charter member of the Bakers Market Morning Crew where they solved all the world's and neighborhood's problems. He and Janet gave refuge to countless four-legged creatures and feathered souls who wandered up to their home - hungry, neglected, and needing a forever home. No living thing was ever turned away.

Over his lifetime, Terry wore out several La-Z-Boy recliners rocking away for hours, smoking Carltons, drinking Grey Goose, winning big at the slots, watching Tennessee Vols football (Go Big Orange!), having a great time and living life to the fullest with his many friends.

To know Terry was to love him. He will be greatly missed.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Terry Wilkes' name to Luton United Methodist Church, 8363 Old Springfield Pike, Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 25. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home  
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
Nashville, TN 37216

# Tribute Wall

“ AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WILKES, TERRY E US53906460 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army Company A 1st Battalion 18th Infantry

*Awarded:*

*Bronze Star Medal with "V" device*

*Date of action: 30 October 1967*

*Theater: Republic of Vietnam*

*Reason:*

*For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: On this date, during Operation Shenandoah II, Specialist Wilkes' unit was on a search and destroy mission in a dense rubber plantation near Loc Ninh. In the early afternoon hours, he discovered a well concealed Viet Cong bunker. He had just warned his commander when they were subjected to intensive fire from a numerically superior enemy force employing grenades, machine guns, and automatic weapons.*

*The relentless enemy fire separated the lead element of the patrol from the main body.*

*The lead element was unable to withdraw to a secondary perimeter. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Specialist Wilkes exposed himself to hostile fire and ran across a clearing to a more advantageous firing position.*

*He placed devastating fire onto the insurgents and they soon concentrated their fire on him. This enabled his comrades to begin moving back to the perimeter. He refused to seek cover and continued to provide suppressive fire until his unit had gained fire superiority. He then participated in a counterattack which routed the Viet Cong.*

*His bold initiative and dauntless courage significantly contributed to the defeat of the hostile force and undoubtedly saved the lives of*

*several fellow soldiers.*

*Specialist Four Wilkes' outstanding display of aggressiveness, devotion to duty, and personal bravery is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States*

*Authority:*

*By direction of the President,  
under the provisions of  
Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.*

*FOR THE COMMANDER:*

*OFFICIAL:*

*FREDERICK C. KRAUSE*

*Colonel, Gs*

*Chief of Staff*

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**Teresa Wilkes** - November 27, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Terry Wilkes.*

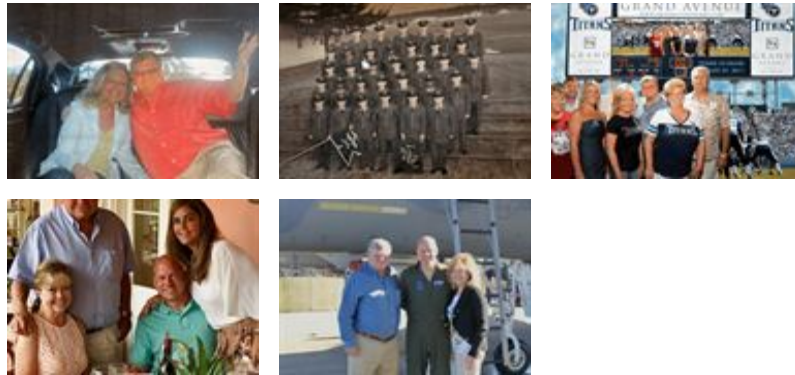


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November 24, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ 356 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home** - November 22, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Terry Wilkes.



November 22, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ David "Fergie" Ferguson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Wilkes.

**David "Fergie" Ferguson** - November 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ David "Fergie" Ferguson purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Terry Wilkes.



**David "Fergie" Ferguson** - November 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM

GG

“ Back in the early 1970s, this guy starts dating my best friend's ex-girlfriend (who just happened to be my girlfriend;s best friend). Naturally, we had to socialize. No way I'm gonna like this dude. Wrong! Fifty years of New Years Eves, Christmas parties, Super Bowls, birthdays, trips and other misadventures later, I still can't quite figure it out. How could you not love America;s Host?

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**Gerry Green** - November 21, 2023 at 04:00 PM

DG

“ Terry and Janet have been two of the most giving people we have known. We have had a lot of fun times together over the years. The obituary is a perfect description of Terry. We will miss him!

Linda Jakes  
Donna Grace

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**Donna Grace** - November 20, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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Terry will be missed by many, including family, friends and the animals he fed in his backyard. We will always remember his contagious laughter.  
We traveled the world over with Janet and Terry and have many wonderful memories. We are fortunate to have had him in our lives. We will miss him. He was known to us as rocketman.

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**Earl and Dianne Porter** - November 24, 2023 at 09:21 PM

HM

Terry and Janet were two of a kind friends, loving, giving and always so much fun to be with, we shared many happy and good times together. Terry will be missed by so many of his friends.  
Willie and Helga McKee

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**Helga McKee** - November 25, 2023 at 11:24 AM

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*Anyone who knew Terry will recall these words, and so, I salute Terry and Janet at this time with the same. "To good food, good friends and good times"!*

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**Betty and Pat Lynch** - November 26, 2023 at 01:52 PM