



Paul Allen Wilhoit

September 20, 1950 - February 17, 2026

Paul Allen Wilhoit, 75, of Woodbridge, VA, crossed over into glory on February 17, 2026, at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center.

A retired Master Sergeant, Paul served for 27 years as a trumpeter with The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" (TUSAB) at Ft. Myer, VA. During his distinguished career, he performed with the Ceremonial Band, The U.S. Army Brass Band, and The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets. While serving in TUSAB he performed for many foreign dignitaries, US officials and marched in the inaugural parades for presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He also served as a bugler, providing Taps for numerous funeral services and ceremonies, including at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Music was not only his job, Paul also enjoyed using his talents for the Lord, playing trumpet in the church praise band and serving in the sound ministry. He was a devoted church member who attended several congregations in Northern Virginia throughout his married life. As a lifelong member of AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) Paul took great pleasure in motorcycle rides, making both long and short trips, on his Honda Goldwing. He spent his free time tinkering with computers, watching movies and taking many trips to the library & local bookstores. As an avid reader, some of his favorites were authors Heinlein, Clancy & Crichton, historical fiction & non-fiction genres and the God's Plan for America trilogy.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd E. Wilhoit and Thelma F. (née Powell), and his sisters, Carolyn Mirabella, Rita Jackson, Frances Hughes, and Jorja Deckard. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Libby" (née Gilbert); his children, Melissa Wilhoit (Marc Lugo), Matthew Wilhoit, Benjamin Wilhoit, and Margaret "Maggie" Wilhoit; his grandson, Noah Wilhoit-Lugo; his sister, Nellie Wilhoit; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 12:00 PM at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192. The family will receive visitors prior to the service from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will take

place at a later date.

The family requests any non-floral memorials take the form of donations made to the National Right to Life (www.nrlc.org), the American Heart Association (www.heart.org), or the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (www.ifcj.org).

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visiting Hours

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Libby and family, Though I am not able to make Paul's service today, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Tami and Evan Walker - March 01 at 11:02 AM

PA

“ Libby, I want to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of our families together while Paul was in the Army. We spent many Saturday nights watching Saturday Night Live when it first came on. Then a long late-night drive back to Woodbridge. Fun times: I don't know if I ever shared this but both of you turned my life around and played a big part in me going back to church. May the peace of God and His presence be with you. Love, Pam

Pam - February 28 at 10:55 PM

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“ From John and Chris Stevens (TUSAB) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Allen Wilhoit.

From John and Chris Stevens (TUSAB) - February 27 at 10:37 PM

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“ From John and Chris Stevens (TUSAB) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Paul Allen Wilhoit.



From John and Chris Stevens (TUSAB) - February 27 at 10:37 PM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Wilhoit.



February 27 at 06:31 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Wilhoit.



February 27 at 11:56 AM



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February 27 at 11:55 AM

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“ Paul and I were good friends and contemporaries at TUSAB working side by side together for many years in the Ceremonial Band and Brass Band. Also for many high level Heads of State arrival ceremonies at the White House and other key locations within the Military District of Washington performing with the combined The U. S. Army Concert and Ceremonial bands and the popular Spirit of America pageant.

My condolences to the family.

Rest in Peace dear friend.

*Lee I. Culbreth
MSG Retired*

Lee Culbreth - February 25 at 05:01 PM

LA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Paul's Passing. I always liked Paul; he and I had many conversations together at the Army Band at Ft. Myer. May the Lord put His arms around Paul's family and give them comfort and understanding.

Rest easy, Paul.

MSG Lowell Arwood, USA, Retired

Lowell Arwood - February 24 at 05:59 PM