



Desoto Wilkes Jr.

February 16, 1931 - October 23, 2023

Desoto Wilkes, Jr., 92 of Ferguson. Father of Rosemary (Paul), Cathy (Milton), Theresa, Michael (Missy), grandfather of 11, great grandfather of 12, Sister - In - Law Rosalie Wilkes, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery - Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Rd
St. Louis, MO 63125

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fresh Winds Christian Church
360 Graham Rd.
Florissant, MO 63031

Funeral Service

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fresh Winds Christian Church
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Interment

OCT 30. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Best Co worker Ever!! We did some crazy side jobs together at realty company. Learn some construction hacks from the best! Boy we share laughs.
May he be enjoying his 1st Christmas with his heaven family. Peace be with All his family here on Earth. Sending Love to All (rest in heaven partner)*

Nancy Loehrer - December 25, 2023 at 03:53 PM

CM

“ *Cena M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Desoto Wilkes Jr..*

Cena M. - October 29, 2023 at 09:21 PM

DD

“ Everyone loves the Elephant Ear plant with its striking, oversized leaves. It starts as a small, unassuming bulb and grows into a majestic, leafy presence. It propagates and spreads its majestic beauty and legacy throughout the world.

Mr. Wilkes achieved much in his life and found ordinary yet magnificent joy in gardening, especially when planting Elephant Ear bulbs. As his doctor, I cherished his gardening experiences. He even shared some of his bulbs with me, providing a truly rewarding experience. His stories touched my heart, compelling me to share them with others. I'm confident these wonderful tales will endure, much like an Elephant Ear bulb multiplying and spreading its beauty and elegance not only in a yard but throughout the entire community. I will always remember Mr. Wilkes' genuine kindness, diligence, and hard work for himself, his family, and the community. His everyday yet extraordinary citizenship serves as an enduring source of inspiration, encouraging us to live not just for ourselves but for the greater good. He will forever remain beloved, missed, and cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. In that sense, he has not passed away; he continues to live on in our hearts.

In the yard, it's impossible to miss that the Elephant Ear plant's large leaves provide shelter to smaller plants below, just as Mr. Wilkes used his exceptional citizenship to guide and protect new generations. He showed us the fullness of his life's journey, striving to achieve not just for himself but for his family and the community. Every time I see a magnificent leafy plant swaying in a garden, I imagine Mr. Wilkes with a smile on his face, surrounded by his giant, lush leaves, one hand on a shovel and the other hand in the air, waving and saying, 'Hello, doctor, how are you?' How could I ever forget?

Dr. Dave - October 29, 2023 at 09:14 PM

CE

“ Cardinal E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Desoto Wilkes Jr..

Cardinal E. - October 27, 2023 at 08:37 AM

TR

“ Condolences to the Wilkes family. Desoto sure will be missed at the monthly meetings at the Union Hall luncheons. Tom and Leanna Rigdon

Tom and Leanna Rigdon - October 26, 2023 at 06:20 PM

DC

“ To the family of US Marine veteran Desoto Wilkes, the Marine Corps League Honor Guard from Warrenton, Mo. will provide military funeral Honors for Mr. Wilkes on Fri. 10/27. Semper Fi, rest in peace Marine.

Dick Bienvenu, Honor Guard Commander - October 26, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Desoto Wilkes Jr..



October 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM



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