



## Robert L. "Bob" Wilson

April 9, 1926 - December 28, 2017

Robert L. (Bob) Wilson, 91, of St Albans went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

Robert served in WWII as a Naval First Class Signalman on an LST in the South Pacific. Upon return, he earned his Architectural Degree at the University of Cincinnati.

He married Betty J. Gott and settled in St Albans, where he founded his architectural design firm and continued to volunteer for the community.

Bob was a member of both the Kanawha County and St. Albans Planning & Zoning Commissions, the Humane Association, the St Andrews Society, the Union Mission, President of the St Albans Civitans, Member of the Historical Society. He served on the St Albans Library Board and St Albans Beautification Committee. He was a Board Member of Citizens National Bank and president of Lakewood VFD. Bob organized and served as the first president of the Lakewood Swim Club. He volunteered to design and help construct a Chapel at Fort Liberte, Haiti. He was a founding member and Trustee of the Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, designing and assisting in its construction, serving as Elder, Deacon, Sunday school teacher, Christmas Basket program organizer, and various other callings.

Bob (Frenchy) Wilson served as Assistant & Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 250 for several decades attending countless camporees and camps. He was awarded the prestigious Order of the Arrow and Silver Beaver medals.

Robert's passion was Art and Architecture. His favorite medium was water colors, although he was well accomplished in oil painting. He organized shows, taught, and won awards for his work while continuing to paint his entire life. His Architectural work included Government buildings, Schools, Churches, Business, and Residential designs, where his firm excelled, winning many awards and gracing the landscape with beautiful structures.

Robert is survived by his brothers, Thomas & James, his children, Charles (Jennifer), Rebecca (Doug), & Nancy (Perry), four grandchildren -Christopher, Katharine (Scott), Robert, & Jess, and two great grandchildren - Allie & Henry in addition to many extended family members.

Robert was born in Charleston to the late Charles Bruce and Vivian Cabell Wilson. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty Gott Wilson; brother, Charles Bruce Wilson, Jr.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, January 5th at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, 2008 Pennsylvania Ave., St. Albans with Rev. Chris Kilbert officiating. Burial will be in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans with military honors.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8:00 pm Thursday evening January 4th, Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St Albans.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to Riverlawn's outdoor shelter fund, the Boy Scouts of America, or Hospice of Charleston.

Robert loved and was loved by family and friends and will be missed by all.

You may visit Bob's tribute page at [chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Wilson family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church  
2008 Pennsylvania Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverlawn Presbyterian Church  
2008 Pennsylvania Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. "Bob" Wilson*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Your Scottish friends only met you in 1996 but with your dear wife Betty we have been richly blessed by your kindness and companionship.*

*With much love from Ian, Mae and Andy*

Rev Dr Ian G Gough - February 03, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest condolences. My wife, my parents and I were all lucky enough to have Bob create house plans for our beautiful homes within the past 9 years. He did such a wonderful job and I could tell that he truly enjoyed architecture. We are thrilled with the outcome and I was quite proud when he brought his Grandson by to see our place after completion. I wish Bob could have seen the finished product in Roane County though. It really turned out great. What a pleasure it was to meet he and Betty and to have been able to work with him.*

Matt & Penny, Venon & Anne Goff - January 09, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ *I do not know this talented soul but I do know his sweet daughter Becky and her family. My condolences to your family*

wendi Unrein - January 07, 2018 at 04:39 PM

JL

“ Today's service was a beautiful tribute to your father. Most everyone there could have added a memory of Bob's mercy or humbleness. He truly was a wonderful Christian man. The messages given by your cousin Tom and Nancy's husband were beautiful! How blessed were all who knew him.

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**Jane Lothes** - January 05, 2018 at 06:01 PM

WB

“ Dear Chuck, Becky, Nancy, and families, I was sorry to learn of your dad's death. Several people at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church were really great people; but your dad and mom stand out most in my memory, and not just because of Bob's architectural contribution, but for their warmth and kindness. Sincerely. Weldon Burrows

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**Weldon Burrows** - January 05, 2018 at 10:18 AM

DG

“ I haven't seen Bob for over 20 years, but my wife Sue and I knew him through his good friend, the late Rev. Max Perrow of Tyler Mountain near Cross Lanes. Sue and I both witnessed their great friendship, and Bob was always a kind and friendly person. I spent many times with Bob at Max's dinner table and I especially remember his great wit and sense of humor. Bob was always helping someone in need, or providing his talents to the community, without hesitation.

Sue and I both appreciated his talents in architecture and art, as he drafted plans for our Winfield Presbyterian Church addition.

Although his plans were never adopted, we feel that they were the best plans for our church. Also, a copy of a watercolor painting Bob did with Max, of the Payne Produce Stand in Winfield proudly hangs in our dining room. Sues family owns Payne Produce.

We wish to extend condolences to the Wilson family and that the comfort of Gods loving hands are bestowed upon them and give Bob and family the peace and grace of God.

Thoughts and Prayers,

David Gladkosky

Sue Littlejohn

South Charleston

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David Gladkosky - January 04, 2018 at 09:23 PM

VB

“ It is our prayer that your family finds peace and love in honoring such a fine father, friend and talented gentleman. Heat felt condolences on your loss. Tim and Vanessa Brown



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Vanessa Brown - January 04, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of Robert L. "Bob" Wilson.



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January 04, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ What a beautiful story of his accomplishments. It is truly a life well lived.

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**Diane** - January 03, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Mr. WILSON..... Thank you daddy-o. It was a pleasure being a part of your amazing life, even if it was short. You have an amazing, loving family. May God Bless you all with a peace above all understanding.

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**Pancha Wood** - January 02, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ Bob Wilson was a man I admired, was blessed to work with he and Jerry in the office in the late 70's at Wilson and Goff as Jerry is my dad. I treasure those days of Bob having so much patience working with me. Many laughs with Bob over the years and a favorite memory is going to Cincinnati with he and Jerry for the Davis Cup Tennis Matches in the early 80's.  
Bob made a difference in my life and 1,000's of others over the years. I loved his sense of humor, the way he loved life and his family. Thank You God for the time and memories with Bob. Prayers to the family and may the memories get you through this tough time. Yet, know Bob was loved by so many people in this world. Doak

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**Doak Turner** - January 01, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Robert L. Wilson, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Navy Veteran, Robert L. Wilson, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 01, 2018 at 08:03 AM

FB

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family of Mr. Bob Wilson, the father of one of my forever friends. He leaves a big hole here on Earth, but his influence will continue to be felt in the many lives he touched. Chuck, Becky, and Nancy, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Frances Bell** - December 31, 2017 at 10:28 PM

JW

“ *It's hard to imagine a world without Uncle Bob in it. He was a cornerstone of our family life and a great example of the best way of being and of living for all of my growing-up years and into adulthood as well. All the creative genius he brought to us was guided by a full spiritual awareness as well. The result was an atmosphere of comfort and security and delight and love. All those good memories keep us going in times of sadness. It's hard to see him go but his positive influence will last for generations.*

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**John Wilson** - December 30, 2017 at 07:59 PM