



Wayland Edward Wilcox

February 17, 1938 - September 27, 2021

North Augusta - Wayland Edward Wilcox, 83, beloved husband of Dorothy Elizabeth Sumner Wilcox, passed away peacefully at the NHC Nursing Home in North Augusta on Monday, September 27, 2021, following an extended illness. Memorial Services will be held Thursday afternoon, October 7, 2021, at 5 o'clock in the chapel of Posey Funeral Directors with Rev. Masaki Chiba officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home following the service. Interment will be held at Riverview Cemetery, Oxford, NY at a later date.

Wayland was born in Oxford, NY and was the son of the late Julian Jay Wilcox and Ethel Ruth Foote Wilcox. He was Oxford Academy's valedictorian of the class of 1956. He received a NROTC scholarship and attended Cornell University, played trumpet in the Big Red Band and received his commission in the United States Navy in 1960. He retired as a Commander after serving for 26 years as a naval aviator, including serving in the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. After retirement from the U.S. Navy, he returned to college, attending Pennsylvania State University, and earned a degree in agricultural economics. He was a passionate supporter of PSU, attending athletic events and representing the University at college fairs. Mr. Wilcox was raised in the Congregational Church and a member of Presbyterian churches wherever he lived, most notably the Roswell (Georgia) Presbyterian Church, where he was a long-time member of the choir and brass ensemble. He

volunteered through Junior Achievement where he mentored and taught students to succeed in economics. He was preceded in death by a brother Julian Wilcox, Jr.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his children, Sherrill Edward (Karen) Wilcox of North Augusta, SC and Shirley Elizabeth (Kevin) Cooke of Princeton, NJ; his grandsons, Austen (Hillary) Wilcox, Garrison (Jennifer) Wilcox and Duncan (Lindsey) Cooke; his brothers Duane (Nanette) Wilcox of Sherburne, NY, Francis Wilcox and Lawrence (Suzanne) Wilcox, both of Oxford, NY; a sister-in-law, Virginia Wilcox of Walton, NY; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Due to Wayland's devoted support of veterans, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org or USO at www.uso.org.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803) 278-1181. Visit the registry at www.PoseyCares.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 5:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Visitation following service

OCT 7 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Wayland Edward Wilcox



Posey Funeral Directors - October 07, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayland Edward Wilcox



Posey Funeral Directors - October 01, 2021 at 03:57 PM

HM

This is a really great job of showing important parts of my Cousin's life. My memories of him are that he was always about family and service to his country, with some music too.

His parents took the Murray children in for about 4 months when I was in the 3rd grade. I'm not sure if Wayland was a jr or a senior that year. Aunt Ethel and Uncle Julian still had 4 boys at home, but they took 4 more kids in until my parents found us a house in Endicott.

I was always in awe of Wayland. He was smart, (Valedictorian) , and one of the hardest working people I have ever Known. After we moved to Endicott, we would see the Wilcox family at Thanksgiving. Aunt Ethel's for Thanksgiving was a Foote/Wilcox/Murray/wright reunion. That and some weeks in the Summer, when we visited , were all we saw of each other. Wayland and his brothers were always great to us.

He went to college, then the Navy as an officer. He had a great career in the Navy, and I spent a little a little over 4 years as an enlisted man, then went to college later. We really went our own way.

Then just before Covid hilt, my Brother K (in Savanna), and I (in Charlotte) decided to get together and go see him., Sadly quarantine made that impossible. So I called him on the phone. We discussed the history of WWII in the Pacific. He told me about some expensive books, that luckily were in my library. I really enjoyed his keen insights into Naval History.

We talked about the sacrifices that family of people serving make, and how people thank us for our service, but don't mention the sacrifice of spouses, or children.

He was obviously enormously proud of his wife Dorothy. He told me about a time when he was deployed to the Mediterranean, and she surprised him with the kids, and they toured some European countries.

I really enjoyed our talks, and I promised myself that when this terrible disease was over, the road trip would happen. I thought that we would be able to take Wayland and his wife out to dinner. Sadly, he passed away before that could happen.

I'm am and will always be grateful to Wayland and all his brothers. They were all incredibly generous to the Murrays.

Howard Murray

Howard Murray - October 21, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *Wayland Edward Wilcox*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Wayland Edward Wilcox*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *I was saddened to just now learn of Wayland's passing in September. I enjoyed Wayland's (and Dorothy's) company and conversation for many years through the GA chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. Wayland was always a kind, smart, strong, respectful, friendly person and we had many enjoyable conversations over the years. His commitment to community service was lifelong. Wayland was a great man whose contributions to this country are very much appreciated. I know he will be missed by many. My heart goes out to Dorothy and their entire family.*

Andrea (Phillips) Peters - December 08, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayland Edward Wilcox.*



October 21, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Such a wonderful man and so inspiring! You will be missed.*

Alyson Foy - October 07, 2021 at 01:18 PM

AC

“ Ed and Karen, Dorothy, Elizabeth and Kevin, Austen, Garrison, Duncan -- what a wonderful gift to have had Wayland as patriarch to your family. I enjoyed each and every time we gathered with him ... holiday meals, special occasions, just for fun ... his conversation was always upbeat, interesting, and often humorous. His adventures with the Navy were particularly fun to hear. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother. I know you will all miss him so much!! Rest in peace, sweet Wayland, in the comforting chorus of God's presence.

Angie, Tim and Elleree Carlton

Angie Carlton - October 07, 2021 at 01:03 PM

DK

“ Dorothy, Ed & Karen, Elizabeth & Kevin purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Wayland Edward Wilcox.



Dorothy, Ed & Karen, Elizabeth & Kevin - October 05, 2021 at 07:48 AM

SM

“ Dorothy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have wonderful memories of you and Wayland, watching Penn State games at the club. Sheryl and Dan Mayhue

Sheryl Mayhue - October 02, 2021 at 10:00 PM

JD

“ *Such a kind gentle man. Always great/ interesting conversation to be had when he was in the room. Our prayers to all the families. He will be missed. Love, Joni & Doug*

Joni Dyer - October 02, 2021 at 09:00 AM

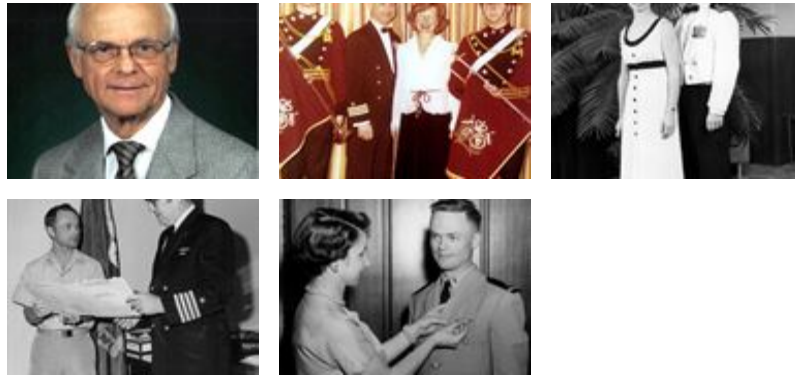


“ *OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO DOROTHY AND FAMILY AT THEIR TIME OF GREAT LOSS. WE WERE HONORED TO KNOW WAYLON AND KNOW HE HAS COME FACE TO FACE WITH OUR LIVING GOD. HE WAS INTELLIGENT, KIND, WELCOMING AND SO EASY TO TALK TO. WE WILL MISS HIM. IN HIS LOVE AND OURS, JAY AND ANN JACKSON*

Ann Jackson - October 01, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - October 01, 2021 at 03:52 PM