



L. D. Wilkins

February 23, 1919 - November 19, 2020

L.D. "Pete" Wilkins, age 101 of Columbus, died Thursday November 19, 2020. He was a professional pilot for Columbia Gas of Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Phyllis R. Wilkins, sons Leith Duane Wilkins and David E. Wilkins and his best companion, his West Highland Terrier Katie. He is survived by his daughter Janet (James) Everett, grandchildren Amy Wilkins, Emily (Thomas) Insko, Jonathan (Mellanie) Everett, Jason (Rochelle) Everett, Lindsay (Matthew) Lampert, and seven great-grandchildren. Pete was a member of the Worthington Presbyterian Church, Professional Pilots Association, OX5 Aviator Pioneers, and the Rythm Reelers Square Dance Club. A private funeral service with military honors will be held. Donations in Pete's memory can be made to capitalcityhospice.com/donate or The Worthington Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund

Tribute Wall



“ *L. D. Wilkins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sympathy to Pete's family. We danced many dances with Pete & Phyliss. Lots of good memories. May he rest in peace. Blessings, Judy Podolski*

a great long life

Judy Podolski - December 15, 2020 at 12:02 PM

“ Dear family of Mr. Wilkins,

It was such a pleasure to get to know Mr. Wilkins when he hired me to sell his house on Greenridge Rd. I'd grown up in Indian Hills, and the sight of Mr. Wilkins and his wife, walking their little white West Highland dogs over the years was always such a heartwarming thing. Katie was still living when Mr. Wilkins moved to his condo. He and I kept in touch after the house sold- I learned that he'd adopted another little dog, and he said it took some doing to find a dog after Katie died. Mr. Wilkins wasn't demonstrative, but he had a big heart and was grateful to learn that his house became home to a grandmother who ended up helping to raise her two little grand-daughters after her daughter suddenly and unexpectedly died. She had planned on allocating one of the large bedrooms upstairs to the little girls for their occasional visits, but it became particularly important after the death of the girls' mother. I will never forget Stephanie (the woman who bought Mr. Wilkins' house) because she wrote Mr. Wilkins a long poem, with lines beginning with a letter of the alphabet, A all the way through Z, explaining why she needed and loved his house. I know he knew his home would garner a lot of interest but I don't think he was quite prepared for the effort Stephanie put forth to impress upon him that she REALLY wanted his house. Indeed, she had passed through our neighborhood over the course of years and always loved the street presence his home had! Everything she planned on doing to make the home beautiful, she ended up doing, and it made Mr. Wilkins so happy to know that she loved his house and appreciated it so much.

I told Mr. Wilkins that I would come over and visit him at his condo as soon as I found another dog for myself (mine died at around the time he lost Katie), but I didn't make it over with my Cairn terrier, Devon.

I hope you have someone to care for Mr. Wilkins' little dog, if he is still living. Let me know if you need help with this. It was such an honor to have worked for Mr. Wilkins back in 2015. He was a wonderful person and a fun gentleman to work with. May you take comfort in the knowledge that he was very respected and will be missed.

*Sincerely, Courtney Rusoff
Keller Williams Greater Columbus Realtor*

Courtney Rusoff - December 07, 2020 at 12:53 AM



“ *Such a sweet and wonderful dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. We miss and love u Papa* ❤️❤️❤️



Rochelle Domingo - November 25, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ *Such a sweet and wonderful dad, grandpa, and great grandpa* ❤️❤️❤️



Rochelle Domingo - November 25, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Some mens names can not be forgotten.Pete's is one of them.My memory is foggy but I distinctly remember Wilkins.My father had great admiration for Pete and spoke of him so proudly.My father was Joseph Hyatt, Joe was chief mechanic for Columbias fleet of aircraft at port Columbus.Joe passed away thirty two years ago yet I still remember Petes name.A man that lived this long surely made an impact on so many people and Joe was merely one of those many.Prayers to Pete's family.I am sure they are flying overhead sharing their stories of aviation.Thomas Hyatt,Joese son.*

Thomas Hyatt - November 25, 2020 at 02:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of L. D. Wilkins.*



November 25, 2020 at 12:02 AM

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“ *RIP*

Scott - November 24, 2020 at 06:47 PM

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“ God Bless and a heartfelt Thank You for your service in WWII, Serving in The USAAF. The USA would not be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which you fought. And Semper Fi. Sir.



Herb Sharfenaker USMC - November 24, 2020 at 12:22 PM

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“ As a long term neighbor and friend of Pete on Stoney Creek Rd. we have known Pete and his late wife, Phyllis, for many years before he moved to Friendship Village several years ago. I would have a great conversation with Pete many times while he walked his little dog down the street. He would always stop to chat when I was working out in my front yard. He always made the best of life it seemed no matter what the circumstances. I inquired about his work and background and I believe that he was instrumental in establishing the air transportation service at Columbia Gas Co. many years ago and serving as its first pilot. I'm not sure that it is still in existence. My wife, Suzanne, and I will always have good memories of Pete and Phyllis though she has been with the Lord for many years. Now Pete can join her there. We offer our sincerest sympathy to his family. We miss him dearly.
Ron and Suzanne Kendrick

Ron Kendrick - November 23, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of L. D. Wilkins.*



November 23, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *Janet and family: We send our sincere condolences to all of you. We so enjoyed many years as Pete's neighbor in Indian Hills. We only got to know Phyllis for a few years. He was an inspiration to all of us with his positive attitude and friendly manner. He lived a long and productive life which needs to be celebrated. God Bless you all. Warm Regards, Bob and Jenny Horn*

Robert Horn - November 23, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of L. D. Wilkins.*



November 22, 2020 at 11:31 PM



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Amy Wilkins - November 22, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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Gone West-God Speed. Sanford Vaughn

Sanford Vaughn - November 23, 2020 at 07:35 AM

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Amy Wilkins - November 22, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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Thank you for adding the pictures

Jan Everett - November 23, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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Jan Everett - November 21, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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