



## Ernest Gordon Wilson, Jr.

May 26, 1916 - April 24, 2012

E. Gordon Wilson, Jr.

A Celebration of Life Service for Ernest Gordon Wilson, Jr. will be held Monday, April 30 at 10 am. Services will be held at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075: Graveside service will be at 2:30 pm at Oakhill Cemetery, 797 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA 30023. Visitation will be held at Northside Chapel on Sunday, April 29 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. He was preceded in death by his wife, Miriam "Mickey" McKeag Wilson. Mr. Wilson, a loving husband and father is survived by five children: Gordon H. Wilson, Robert N. Wilson, E. Lynn Wilson Smith, Thomas R. Wilson and Judy Wilson Burden as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gordon to his friends, "Ernie" to his WW II army buddies, was born in the Wilson family home in Griffin, GA and lived there until the family moved to Eufaula, AL. The family moved to Atlanta in his teen years, where he attended Boys High School and Georgia Tech studying Electrical Engineering. He was a member of the first Boy Scout Troop in Eufaula. Gordon had a love of nature and the outdoors that stayed with him for life. He shared this mutual passion with his beloved Mickey as early members of the Appalachian Trail Club and passed that love on to his children. Gordon had an affinity for radio and early on was an amateur radio operator. As a young married man working as a telephone lineman, he was called up for duty in the U.S. Army during WW II when his

adventures in wartime Europe in the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops began. The “Ghost Army” secret army unit used subterfuge and theatrical tricks to confuse the enemy about American troop movements in Europe. It is credited with saving the lives of tens of thousands of Allied troops by its tactics of deception, for which Gordon was immensely proud and grateful. After the war Gordon tried his hand at several occupations, settling in a job as a City of Atlanta Business License Inspector. He retired and joined Mickey in teaching basketry skills using natural materials. Both were members of the Basketweavers Guild of Georgia. Gordon expended considerable resources and time working to preserve the freedoms that are enjoyed in the U.S.A. He authored and published Normandy to Germany with The Ghost Army 1944-1945. In his latter years, he spoke in many public forums on the history of the Ghost Army, and was a member of the Atlanta WW II Roundtable. From an early age, Gordon’s mother instilled in him a love of Christ through the Anglican tradition of the Episcopal Church. A born-again Christian, Gordon witnessed through his many acts of generosity and mercy a Godly definition of husband, father, neighbor and friend. He loved and served his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and gave the praise and glory to God. Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Anglican Church Benevolent Fund, 231 Arnold Mill Rd, Woodstock GA 30188.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Visitation

APR 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Gordon Wilson, Jr.

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ Thank you sir for your service to this great nation and for my freedom. You will not be forgotten my brother...I send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of this "AMERICAN HERO".....PATRIOT GUARD RIDER ...PROUD VIETNAM VETERAN....STANDING FOR THOSE WHO STOOD FOR US....##imported-begin##ROBERT WALLACE P.G.R. MEMBER##imported-end##

April 29, 2012 at 08:13 PM



“ Gordon was a treasure at Resurrection Anglican Church. He will be missed. I salute his service to this country and his teaching to impressionable minds.  
Godspeed to you Gordon.

Scott Barland##imported-begin##E. Scott Barland Jr.##imported-end##

April 29, 2012 at 04:26 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family as you celebrate this hero's life!##imported-begin##Randy Layton ##imported-end##

April 28, 2012 at 08:30 AM



“ Gordon, Brenda, Matthew and family

*We are very sorry for the loss of your father/grandfather. Please take time to remember all the joys while you deal with your sorrows.*

*in loving friendship,*

*Paul and Diana##imported-begin##Paul and Diana Hollis##imported-end##*

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April 27, 2012 at 01:22 PM



“ Gordon you will be missed by all here at Synergist. You touched our lives with your stories, humor, and great wit.##imported-begin##Nancy Giles##imported-end##

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April 27, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ Rest in Peace my prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##SteveClifford##imported-end##

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April 26, 2012 at 06:08 PM



“ Gordon, we're so sorry to hear of your loss. I'll always remember meeting your father, and talking to him about his experiences in World War II, as a member of the "ghost army". Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Richard & Fredna Smith##imported-end##

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April 26, 2012 at 12:19 PM



“ Gordon,

*I was saddened to hear of your loss. I will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*In deepest sympathy,*

*John##imported-begin##John Quinn##imported-end##*

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April 26, 2012 at 09:46 AM