

## Family of Walter K. Wilson

### **Lieutenant General Walter K. Wilson, Jr.**

Chief of Engineers, May 19, 1961-June 30, 1965

The son of an artillery officer, Walter Wilson, Jr., was born at Fort Barrancas, Florida, on August 26, 1906. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1929 and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. Before 1942 he served with troops, continued his military and engineering education, and was an instructor at the Military Academy.

During World War II Wilson served as Deputy Engineer-in-Chief with the Southeast Asia Command at New Delhi, India, and Kandy, Ceylon. He became Commanding General, Advance Section, U.S. Forces, India-Burma Theater, and Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army in India. Later, he commanded Intermediate and Base Sections and consolidated all three, commanding all ground forces remaining in the theater. He was District Engineer in St. Paul, Minnesota (1946-49), and Mobile, Alabama (1949-52), and then South Atlantic (1952-53) and Mediterranean Division Engineer (1953-55). He assumed command of the 18th Engineer Brigade at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in 1955. He served as Deputy Chief of Engineers for Construction from 1956 to 1960.

Wilson was Commanding General of the Army Engineer Center and Fort Belvoir and Commandant of the Army Engineer School in 1960-61. He retired as Chief of Engineers on June 30, 1965.

Wilson's military honors included the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Soldier's Medal, and membership in the French Legion of Honor. He died in Mobile, Alabama, on December 6, 1985 and was buried with full military honors in Section 2 of Arlington National Cemetery. His father (Major General Walter King Wilson, United States Army) and mother (Evangeline Taylor Wilson), and wife (Jeanne Herman Wilson) are buried in the same plot. The General's son, Walter King Wilson III, Colonel, United States Army, died in April 2008, and is also buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Source: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/wkwilsonjr.htm>

### **Colonel Walter K. Wilson, III (son of General Walter K. Wilson, Jr.)**

United States Army (Retired) On Friday, April 11, 2008.

Walter King Wilson III (born 1937) graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1960 with a commission in the Infantry. He later transferred to the Corps of Engineers. He served with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in China (1967-1969), and was on the faculty of the engineering department at West Point (1971-1975) before moving to Louisville Engineer District as Deputy District Engineer (1975-1978). Since 1980 he has been the Engineer at the 21st Support Command installation in Manheim, Germany.

Colonel Walter King Wilson, III, of Rockville, MD. Beloved husband **Barbara Kelly Wilson**; father of Walter K. (Jennifer) Wilson, IV, Victoria (David) DuBose, John (Dolores), Elizabeth (Francie Faure), **Charles** (Jodi), Stuart (Erin), Griff (Chrissy) and Nick (Katie) Wilson; grandfather of Devon, Petra, David, Katherine, Rebecca, Hayden, Abigale, Benjamin, Zachary and Sydney; great-grandfather of Garrett, Gage, Gabriella and Madison; brother of Ellen Amos and Margaret and Fred Wilson.

Mass of Christian Burial at Ft. Myer Chapel and Interment at Arlington National Cemetery on 16 July 2008.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The West Point Fund, Class of '60, American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

The Colonel's father, Walter King Wilson, Jr., Lieutenant General, United States Army, and his grandfather, Walter King Wilson, Major General, United States Army, are also buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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