



## James D. "Sonny" Wilkinson

January 31, 1930 - July 24, 2017

James D, "Sonny" Wilkinson, age 87 of Wheeling, passed away Monday, July 24, 2017 at Liza's Place.

He was born January 31, 1930 in Wheeling, son of the late James Harold and Mary Lillian Dailer Wilkinson.

Sonny held numerous positions throughout his lifetime, from Deputy Sheriff of Ohio County; maintenance at Martins Ferry Hospital; Wheeling Machine; construction; owner of "Sonny's Bar"; however he enjoyed training thoroughbred horses best of all. He was a "little league" baseball coach, to many up and coming athletes, on Wheeling Island. He enjoyed being outdoors, pitching horseshoes, but especially loved to go fishing. He was an avid card player and always had a story to tell about any and everything. He was a US Army veteran serving as a cook during the Korean Conflict. Sonny will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers: Staff Sgt. Harold "Craig", John and Ralph Wilkinson and one sister: Lila Lee Blankenship.

Survivors include his wife, of 63 Years, Margaret "Leona" Coughlan Wilkinson; one daughter: Karen Wilkinson; two sons: David (Lori) Wilkinson and Don "Cat" Landmeyer; one brother: James "Jimmy" (Fran) Wilkinson; two sisters: Betty Lou Leech and Suzanne Quinn; four grandsons: Donald Landmeyer, Jr., Aaron, Kyle (Naomi) and Eric (Samantha) Wilkinson; four great-grandchildren: Sonia Landmeyer, Keiera, Kal-EI and Troy Wilkinson and numerous nieces

and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 11:00am until time of memorial service at 1:00pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling with Rev. Craig Blankenship officiating.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *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 James D. Wilkinson, 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 Army Veteran, James D. Wilkinson, 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** - July 26, 2017 at 06:07 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James D. "Sonny" Wilkinson.*



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July 25, 2017 at 10:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James D. "Sonny" Wilkinson.



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July 25, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ Aaron, sorry to hear about your grandfather, he sounded like a great guy. 😞🙏🙏



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**Carla Tustin** - July 25, 2017 at 04:57 PM