



Herbert Ignatius Wilkins

June 25, 1943 - April 8, 2016

HERBERT "HERB" I. WILKINS June 25, 1943 ~ April 8, 2016 Herbert Ignatius Wilkins was born in Kingston, Jamaica June 25, 1943. He was married to Louise Roderick Jenkins October 28, 1989. Herb died April 8, 2016 at home in Vancouver, Washington, due to heart failure and multiple conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. He was preceded in death by his father, Oswald Fitzherbert Wilkins; and stepson, Richard Jason Jenkins. Herb is survived by: Louise Jenkins Wilkins, his wife of 30 years; sister, Joan M. Wilkins, Kingston, Jamaica; mother, Agnes R. Adams, Vancouver, WA; sons, Patrick and Mark Wilkins of St. Louis, MO; stepson, Jared Jenkins of Kansas City, MO; 13 grandchildren spread all over the world; and countless "forever" friends, also spread world-wide. Herb graduated from St. George Catholic School, Kingston, Jamaica and Columbia College, Columbia, MO with Bachelor's degree in Human Resources and General Studies. He proudly served in the U.S. Army 1963 to 1985 and retired after receiving many salutations, a few include Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal Army Commendation Metal and Combat Infantryman Badge. He was injured in action during his second Vietnam tour, then worked as a Mandarin Chinese Interpreter. His life's career after Army retirement included being a substitute high school teacher in Dixon, MO, Equal Opportunity Officer, State of MO and Equal Opportunity Investigator, and Veteran's Affairs, Vancouver, WA. He adored bowling and dedicated much of his free time to leagues, tournaments, and mentoring others. His dream came true when he was able to resume bowling after

receiving a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) in 2014. He was a life-long supporter of the Rams and Dodgers as well as International Soccer. Memorial services will be Sat., April 23, 2016 3p.m., Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684. Please sign his Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ *I pray that our Lord brings this family much needed comfort and peace during this sad time. My sincere condolences to Pat and his family.*

Al Kerr - April 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Family,

I send my deepest sympathy. Herb will be sorely missed. Herb was a wonderful person, talented and loving, and I know that you and your family have suffered a great loss. I admired Herb very much, both personally and professionally. He spoke fondly of his family, particularly, his wife Louise. On a professional level, from 2004-2005, Herb was my mentor at work. I remember how Herb made people feel welcome with his humor, questions, and big smile. I will always remember Herb and feel very fortunate to have known him.

May the love of family and friends comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.

*Ronald McCullough
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Ronald McCullough - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Though Herb left the office last year, he did so only because of his health. He never wanted to retire. He was a great co-worker to have and we kept in touch periodically. I was hoping he was getting better. He was so much fun, good guy. Never in a bad mood. God Bless Him. I'm very saddened. Will miss him greatly. Didn't expect him to go so soon.*

James Itamura - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May you find comfort in knowing Herb always talked about his wonderful family...sending thoughts and prayers for peace in this journey.*

Patti Davenport - April 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I volunteered with Herb at the VA and he was fun to work with. And, ever the gentleman, he was always there to open the locked door for me. My condolences to his much-loved family. Andrea*

Andrea Rauschendorfer - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Dear Family,
May you take comfort in knowing that Herbie always bragged about his family!
He was so proud of you all. Hold on to your precious memories of a loving, husband, father, and friend.
May God grant you Hus peace!
Charlotte*

CHARLOTTE BARR - April 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM