

Charles R. "Charlie" Wilson Jr.

May 1, 1929 to October 30, 2017



Charles (Charlie) R. Wilson Jr, 88 of Newport, RI, died peacefully at Village House Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center on Monday, October 30, 2017.

Born on May 1, 1929 in Newport, he was the son of the late Charles Wilson and Cora (Siruchel) Wilson. Charlie was married to the late **Dorothy (Dot) Wilson** for 59 years until her death in 2012. Charlie and Dot were married at St Augustin's Church in Newport in 1953.

Charlie attended Newport Schools until enlisting in the **U.S. Marine Corp Reserves**, training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. When discharged he practiced carpentry and roofing, working on several Newport Mansions and even for the famous Iwo Jima Sculptor, Felix de Weldon.

Charlie was then drafted into the U.S Army during the Korean War conflict where he was a troop transport truck driver.

Charlie worked Civil Service as a Carpenters Foreman on the Newport Naval Base for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. He then worked summers for the Newport Yachting Center for 5 years, running the JT's ship chandlery parking lot.

He was a communicant of St Joseph's Church in Newport where he and Dot volunteered their time for the St Vincent de Paul Society, soup kitchen and collecting weekly offerings at services.

Charlie was also a lifetime member of the **Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians**, an organization he loved dearly.

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Charlie was also a member of the **American Legion** and the **U.S. Marine Corp League**. In 2006, he received the **RI Marine Corp member of the year** award for his volunteer efforts with local veterans.

Charlie also volunteered as a **Scout Master for Troop 3 Newport** of the **Boy Scouts of America** for 3 years.

He was an avid Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots fan. He enjoyed camping and spent a good deal of his retirement traveling with his beloved Dot. They spent their winters in Fort Myers Florida.

Charlie is survived by his two children:

- daughter **Nancy (Wilson) Oakley** and her husband **Stephen Oakley** of Portsmouth, RI, and
- son **Robert Wilson** and his wife **Cheryl Wilson** of North Kingstown, RI.
- He also leaves 4 grandchildren:
 - **Rachel** (Oakley) Blomstedt,
 - **Stephen** Oakley Jr,
 - **Zachary** Wilson and
 - **Zoe Wilson** along with
 - one great granddaughter **Cora** Blomstedt.

He was the brother of the late **George Wilson** of Nevada and **Margaret Stovall** of Illinois.

Visiting hours will be at **O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home**, 465 Spring Street, Newport on **Thursday, November 2, 2017** from **4-7 pm**.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on **Friday, November 3, 2017** at **10 am** at **St Joseph's Church**, 4 Mann Avenue, Newport. Burial to follow at St. Columba Cemetery, Browns Lane, Middletown.

Memorial Donations can be made to Village House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 70 Harrison Avenue, Newport, RI or St Joseph's Church, 5 Mann Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.