

Charles Warren 'Chuck' Wilson

A service was held for Gardiner resident Charles Warren "Chuck" Wilson, who died Feb. 21, 2006, at the age of 83.

Mr. Wilson was born Nov. 22, 1922, in Imnaha, Ore., to Leonard Pete and Ethel (Couch) Wilson.

He grew up on the Imnaha River and joined the Marines when he learned that America was at war with Japan.

He married Nell Kathryn Fritz at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Nov. 16, 1946.



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He served more than 29 years in the United States Marine Corps, holding every rank from private first class

to lieutenant colonel. He served 15 years as an enlisted man and 15 years as an officer. Among his numerous awards, he received the nation's fourth-highest award, the Bronze Star with V device for valor, during his service in Viet Nam.

Besides his military career, he was a prize-winning rodeo rider, Alaskan Big Game Guide, hunter and fisherman.

Born on a ranch in Oregon, he retired to a ranch in Gardiner.

He was a member of the Rhododendron Grange and the Retired Marine Tanker's Association.

He was most proud of his daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous other family members.

He lived his motto, the motto of all Marines, Semper Fidelis, "Always Faithful." He was a real-life "True Grit" man.

He is survived by his wife, Nell

Wilson of Gardiner; daughters and son-in-law Gail Hutt, of Port Angeles, Kathy Wilson, of Port Orchard, Nancy and Sam Bugge, of Port Angeles, and Janice Wilson of Gardiner; sisters Violet Shirley, of Salem, Ore., and Kappy Brown, of Lebanon, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Jefferson General Hospice, 834 Sheridan Ave., Port Townsend, WA 98368.

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Charles Warren "Chuck" Wilson died in his Gardiner home at age 83.

His obituary will be published later.

Services: Sunday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., visitation at the family home, 2291 Old Gardiner Road.

Memorial service on Monday, Feb. 27, at 12:30 p.m., in Gardiner Community Church, 1040 Old Gardiner Road. Graveside committal will follow in Gardiner Cemetery, after which there will be a potluck dinner in the Gardiner Community Center, 980 Old Gardiner Road. The Rev. Greg Austin will officiate.

Kosec Funeral Home, Port Townsend, is in charge of arrangements.