



## Steven C. Wilkens

October 7, 1947 - April 18, 2016

Steven C. Wilkens, 69, of Coloma died on Monday, April 18, 2016 at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Friday, April 22, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Burial will take place on Monday, April 25, at the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek. The visitation will be from 5PM to 8 PM on Thursday at the Davidson Chapel. Please share messages, memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Steve was born on Oct 7, 1947 in Benton Harbor to Charles and Ethel Wilkens. He was a veteran of the US Army and served during the Vietnam War. Steve was employed as an assembler for more than 20 years at Whirlpool and then was employed at the Benton Harbor Post Office for more than 20 years. He retired in 2009. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, softball and bowling. Steve was an avid hunter and loved being around his hunting buddies and his high school friends. He was a strong willed independent person. Steve was also a loving and caring individual who would give anything to anyone who needed help.

He leaves behind his daughter, Samantha Wilkens of Coloma; his 2 sisters, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Tom) Albrecht of Stevensville, and Susan (Mike) Fowler of Forest Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother,

Thomas.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Rd  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
249 East Center Street  
Coloma, MI 49038  
(269) 468-3181  
staff@florin.net

## Service Celebrating His Life

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

APR **25** (ET)

Fort Custer National Cemetery  
15501 Dickman Rd  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Tribute Wall

HF

“ Prayers to the family...deeply sorry

*Heidi Becht-Coombs*

Heidi Fortner-Coombs - May 22, 2016 at 12:31 PM



JY

“ We were both so sad to hear of Steve's passing, John used to play softball with him many years ago. We remember a canoing trip down the St. Joe River with a bunch of the team and Steve catching deerflies and eating them! He was always fun. Our sincere sympathy to his family. John & Marge Yetzke

JOHN YETZKE - April 22, 2016 at 01:58 PM

TT

“ I am very sorry to see that Steve has passed! He was always around my Dad for as long as I can remember. What a great group of friends he had. Rip Steve. ♥ Tracy Jennings Tobin

Tracy Jennings Tobin - April 22, 2016 at 10:20 AM

KS

“ Karla Spencer lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Wilkens

Karla spencer - April 22, 2016 at 09:33 AM



DT

“ Will miss seeing Steve around town! What a character! Rest in peace my friend! Prayers to all the family ! Betsy, Jill, Samantha take heart he's doing well now!

Davonne Trosper - April 21, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven C. Wilkens.



April 21, 2016 at 02:47 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry Betsy and Sue. I will keep you in my prayers. I am sorry I cannot come. I do not drive and live in St. Joe. God Bless you at this hard time. Love, Debby Radke

Debby Radke - April 21, 2016 at 11:35 AM

MT

“ Much love, Tric purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steven C. Wilkens.



Much love, Tric - April 21, 2016 at 10:37 AM

JK

“ Thoughts and prayers from my wife and I for Steve and his family. An old classmate at Coloma H.S. May god be with always.



Jack Knuth - April 21, 2016 at 10:27 AM

DK

“ Debbie Kreitner lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Wilkens



Debbie Kreitner - April 20, 2016 at 08:07 PM

DK

Steve was always making everyone laugh. He really enjoyed his life. We will miss our classmate. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Rest in peace Steve.

Deborah (Nitz) Kreitner - April 21, 2016 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ Judith Mckiney lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Wilkens



judith mckiney - April 20, 2016 at 05:32 PM

DC

“ You were my ROCK! You always had my back. When I needed something you were the first one there for me! You have taught me SO much on what to do, & definitely what not to do (lol)! I'll never forget the close bond we had! I don't know what I'm going to do without you here!?! I love you so much Unk!?! ❤️🥺🌹 R.I.P. Have fun playing cards up there, give Gram & Gramps my love too!?! 🥺

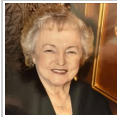


Deeann Albrecht Closson - April 19, 2016 at 12:34 PM

JW

To Samantha & to all Steve's Family: Steve has always been in my thoughts & prayers, We will all miss him very much. Last time I seen him, he was looking & feeling good about moving head with getting back on his feet. He will always be in my Heart ❤️🙏

Jill Wilkens - April 20, 2016 at 04:34 AM



they don't come any better!

Susan Fowler - April 20, 2016 at 12:18 PM

DC

I worked with at Whirlpool. He was fun to work with, an independent thinker. We often had great debates. The last time I spoke with him we discussed our Vietnam experiences. He will be missed. Welcome home my friend.

Dennis Churchill - April 20, 2016 at 02:54 PM

SO

Glad to of had you as my friend for so many years you will be missed by many rest in peace Steve rest in peace my friend

Sonny - April 20, 2016 at 04:44 PM

GH

*Steve worked for me at Whirlpool on many occasions. He was an excellent employee. We always took time to talk about work, Vietnam and our Country. My prayers are with you brother. And with your family during this most difficult time.*

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**Guinn Hill** - April 20, 2016 at 05:41 PM

RN

*Betsy, Sue and families. my condolences to you. Steve was one of a kind. The last time I saw him at Hardings he just wanted to feel better, of course he said it in his own special way. I am sure he is now playing cards and bowling with the family and friends . Hopefully he will tell Karen Hi for me.*

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**rose ann nicholas** - April 20, 2016 at 07:28 PM

BS

*Spent many fun times with Steven and all the Wilkens back in the day. Can't really make sense of someone who survived Viet Nam but then dies so young. The last year they had a beer tent during Glad Peach Festival, I ran into him and we spent a couple of hours catching up. Always a friendly guy, great wit and great sense of humor. So sorry Betsy, Sue and families.*

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**Barb (Flalherty) Schofield** - April 21, 2016 at 12:05 PM

JE

*I worked, bowled and hunted with Steve. We had many long winded discussions which usually ended in a tie. Steve was a one of a kind man. I will miss him and his stories. Untill we meet again in the happy hunting ground.*

*Jim Edwards*

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**Jim Edwards** - April 21, 2016 at 12:08 PM