



## Donald A. Wilkerson

August 7, 1923 - February 27, 2017

Donald A. Wilkerson, 93, a longtime Martinsville resident, passed from this life on Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Monroe Place in Bloomington. He was born Tuesday, August 7, 1923 in Bloomfield, IN to the late Roy and Carrie (Durham) Wilkerson.

Mr. Wilkerson was an Arsenal Tech High School graduate with the Class of 1942. Shortly after graduation he joined the US Army serving his country honorably from November 23, 1942 until March 6, 1945 with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He later joined the US Air Force and was honorably discharged July 26, 1963 with the rank of Captain.

He retired from the Indianapolis Star in 1985 after 36 years, where he was a printer. He had a love for fishing and hunting.

On November 27, 1943, he married Martha Jean (Anderson) Wilkerson; she preceded him in death on September 19, 2012.

He leaves behind one son David L. Wilkerson and his wife Kitty of Martinsville; one daughter, Linda J. Koontz of Kokomo, IN; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

In honoring Donald's wishes, there will be a private service at a later date.

Neal & Summers Funeral & Cremation center has been entrusted with arrangements.

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# Comments

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“ Back in the mid 60's, my parents sent me up to Martinsville to visit my Uncle Don and Aunt Jean. I must have been around 10 years old or so.. As I recall, I spent about a week there. Don took me out on his boat and taught me how to flyfish. I remember having so much fun. My Aunt Jean was willing to let me go swimming in the channel next to their house but she wanted to make sure I really knew how to swim first, She followed me out to the water and said "Let me see you swim," At first, I wasn't sure what she was trying to do, but I finally figured out that I had better start swimming or else...lol I remembered my cousin David had his drums set up in one of the bedrooms. I thought it was so cool. I also remember the cool set up Uncle Don had for his hunting dogs. I will always remember how nice they were to me.

David and Linda, my heart aches for you.

**Tom Oakes** - March 19, 2017 at 06:48 PM

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“ Dave, I am really sorry to hear of your loss. I know he had a life after retirement from the stories you have told me. He certainly enjoyed life to its fullest. My thoughts are with you and your family.

**Hershell Sandlin** - March 02, 2017 at 01:26 PM

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“ Don was my favorite mentor while learning the printing trade. He was one of the best teachers I had, and I will never forget him for that. Also he became a very good friend, and I always enjoyed talking with him about many different subjects.  
Rest in Peace Don--Jim Winkley

**Jim Winkley** - March 02, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ Don was a class act. He never talked about his military service but I believe it was outstanding.

Norman Miller

**Norman Miller** - March 02, 2017 at 01:53 PM