



William D. "Tooter" Wilborn

September 25, 2008

William D. "Tooter" Wilborn, 74, husband of Jane E. Wilborn, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2008 at his home. He was born in Glasgow, KY. He had retired from the U.S. Army and had served three tours during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 220 and Shively Masonic Lodge #951. He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-father, two brothers and a sister. He is survived by his wife Jane; daughter Debbie Gregory (Steve); grandchildren, Chris and Cory Gregory; and two nieces. Funeral services will be 10 am Monday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial to follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central. Visitation will be 4-8 pm Sunday.

Tribute Wall

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“ I last talked to 'ol Wil (I knew his nickname was "Tooter", but never called him that...did name a dog that, though) about five years ago...chastising him for not letting me know that he and Jane had come west as far as Portland, when, another 100 miles and we could have met again, here in Astoria. I served with MSG Wilborn at Ft. Knox after we had both completed tours in Vietnam. What a wonderful person! I'm thinking he was put in that office of the S-2, 194th Armored Brigade for the sole purpose of keeping me out of trouble. We were fortunate to have formed a lifelong friendship through Christmas cards, but had not received one from him since 2007. That happens, but it wasn't until this year (2011) that my wife did a search to learn that my beloved friend had passed. Funny, I had written him a lengthy letter in December, 2008 after I had become a Master Mason, where I told him what an important influence he had been in my life, you see, he was nearly old enough to be my dad, but we were close enough to be brothers and were certainly friends. I was worried when he didn't respond, but that happens, too. Anyway, now we know, and here's hoping he knows that I'm thinking of him. Thanks, Wil!

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