

**William Jack Wilson**, (26 Aug 1935 – 25 Nov 2012), Perry County Times, Saturday December 22, 2012

**William Jack Wilson**, 72, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012 at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill.

He was born Aug. 26, 1935 in Detroit, Mich., to the late **Harold Wilson** and **Millicent Kerr**.

He spent most of his childhood in Punxsutawney, Pa. Following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War and served as a radar technician for 10 years (1953-1963) in stateside and overseas locations, including unaccompanied tours of duty in Okinawa (Japan) and Alaska.

He and his wife moved to Perry County in 1964 and raised their children on a farm on Dellville Road near Duncannon. In addition to operating a farm, he worked full-time for Ralston Purina Company in Shiremanstown and part-time for the U.S. Postal Service in Duncannon.

When his oldest son enlisted in the Army during the Vietnam War, he reenlisted in the Air Force. For 10 years (1972-1982) he served at bases in Arizona, Canada, Alaska and Colorado, culminating with an assignment to NORAD headquarters, Cheyenne Mountain Complex, in Colorado Springs. Following his retirement from the Air Force as a technical sergeant in August 1982, he continued government service as a civil service employee at New Cumberland Army Depot for more than a decade.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Duncannon, serving as greeter, choir member, Sunday school teacher, liturgist and president of the senior citizen's center; held numerous leadership positions at Shermanata Grange, Duncannon, including vice president (overseer), and in recognition of his many years of service to the rural community, he received the Granger of the Year Award in 2000 and the Community Servant Award in 2005; volunteered as a reading tutor for the Perry County Literacy Council, helping numerous adults improve their reading skills; and was an avid outdoorsman, belonging to the Duncannon Sportsmen's Association.

Surviving are his wife, **Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Wilson** of Duncannon; a son, **Raymond** of Melbourne, Fla., a daughter, **Sharon Ann Straub** of Carlisle, a son, **James of Manhattan**, N.Y., a son, **Kevin** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a grandson, **Douglas Wilson** of Grand Rivers, Ken., a grandson, **Jonathan Wilson** of Columbia, Md., a granddaughter, **Vanessa Straub**, and a grandson, **Ryan Straub**, both of Mechanicsburg; a great-grandson, **Nathaniel Wilson** of Melbourne, Fla., and a great-granddaughter, **Leah Fay Wilson** of Columbia, Md.; and two sisters, **Carol Harper** of Oberlin and **Patricia Fleisher** of Elliottsburg.

Services were held Nov. 27 in his church with pastors Wyatt Taylor and Keith Beasley-Topliffe officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Duncannon.

Ronald C.L. Smith Funeral Home, Duncannon, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg 17110.