



Stephen G. Wilz Jr.

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Stephen George Wilz Jr Retired Air Force Major

Steve Wilz passed away on December 28, 2025, surrounded by his family at Beebe Hospital.

Stephen was born on January 31, 1947, the son of Stephen and Dorothy Wilz of South New Jersey. Steve was the oldest of seven children.

After graduating from Rutgers he taught school for a short time and joined the Air Force as an officer. He retired as an Air Force Major. Steve retired in 1994 after 20 years of serving. His career included assignments in Nebraska, Ohio, California, Washington State and Geilenkirchen, Germany.

Steve had many passions; a few are playing poker, enjoying time with family and friends at his home on the Indian River Bay. He loved entertaining and was an excellent cook, and a master mixologist of any cocktail you could think of.

He loved researching antiques and cherished his collection. Steve was devoted to his significant other, Barbara, and devoted to his son Jason.

Steve was predeceased by his parents, Stephen and Dorothy Wilz, and a son, Stephen Wilz III. He is survived by the love of his life, Barbara Ayres; son Jason Wilz of Millsboro; brother Ted Wilz, wife Sandra, of Florida; brother Jon Wilz, wife Meryl, of New Jersey; sister Joanne Wilz Doe of Colorado; sister Marie Wilz Gardner of New Jersey; brother David Wilz, wife Robin, of New Jersey; brother Michael Wilz, wife Lorraine, of New Jersey. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind Barbara's children and grandchildren who loved "Mr. Steve" like a step-father and step-grandfather.

Steve will be fondly missed by all who knew him.



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A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Cool Spring Presbyterian Church, 28843 Log Cabin Hill Road, Lewes, DE 19958. A viewing will take place from 12:00–1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cool Spring Presbyterian Church, Lewes, DE.

Please sign the tribute wall located on this website.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON JANUARY 2, 2026 BY 3PM.
TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.





Events

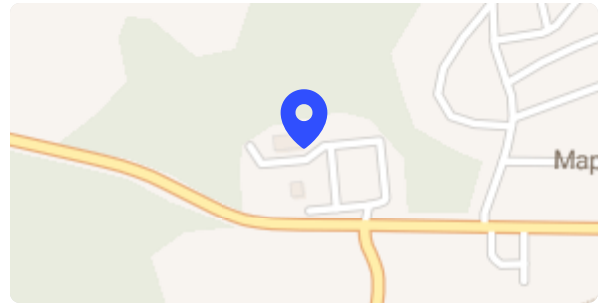
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Viewing

 **Saturday**, January 3, 2026

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


 **Coolspring Presbyterian Church**
28843 Log Cabin Hill Road, Lewes DE 19958

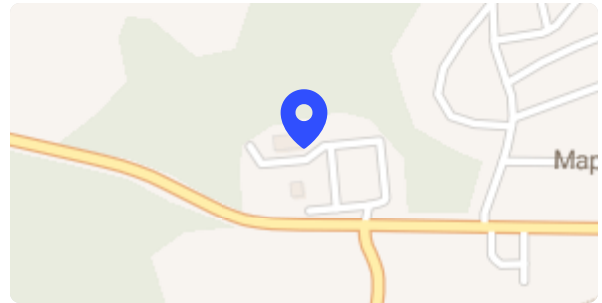


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, January 3, 2026

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Coolspring Presbyterian Church**
28843 Log Cabin Hill Road, Lewes DE 19958





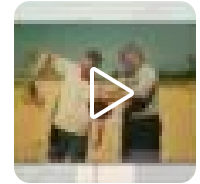
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album**.



January 6 at 9:57 AM



Sandra Wilz posted:

Steve-Life is so funny and unpredictable. One minute you're dancing to a great tune and lighting up the life of the person you're dancing with; meeting with family and having a drink, and a week later, life takes an unexpected turn. A surgical procedure that happens to many people all the time, takes a turn. One minute you're out of the woods & it's thumbs up and four hours later, everything changes. It's Christmas time and the celebration has to take a pause. We gather together as a family one more time. You've been called Home, and while that is such a blessing, especially because you'll be with Steve, your family and friends are left with sadness. We've all had great times together- all the memories, the Wilzy feasts, The Christmas parties with the snickerdoodles; Christmas caroling & pinochle games that lasted for hours and hours. So many trips to the shore, so much laughter, so much fun, so much love. My visit to see the Atlantic Ocean was with you in 1972! You are wonderful brother-in-law, and I have enjoyed all the assignments that Ted & I had together with you. The antique shopping in Belgium; the customs of the German Christmas markets and the hot, spicy Glühwein. I will miss your big smile with the twinkle in your eyes & how easy laughter came to you. I am sorry that I could not make it here today. I know you understand. You are home now. Rest well in the arms of your son and our Heavenly Father. Love, Sandra

January 4 at 3:59 PM



Jennifer F. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Stephen.



January 2 at 7:21 AM



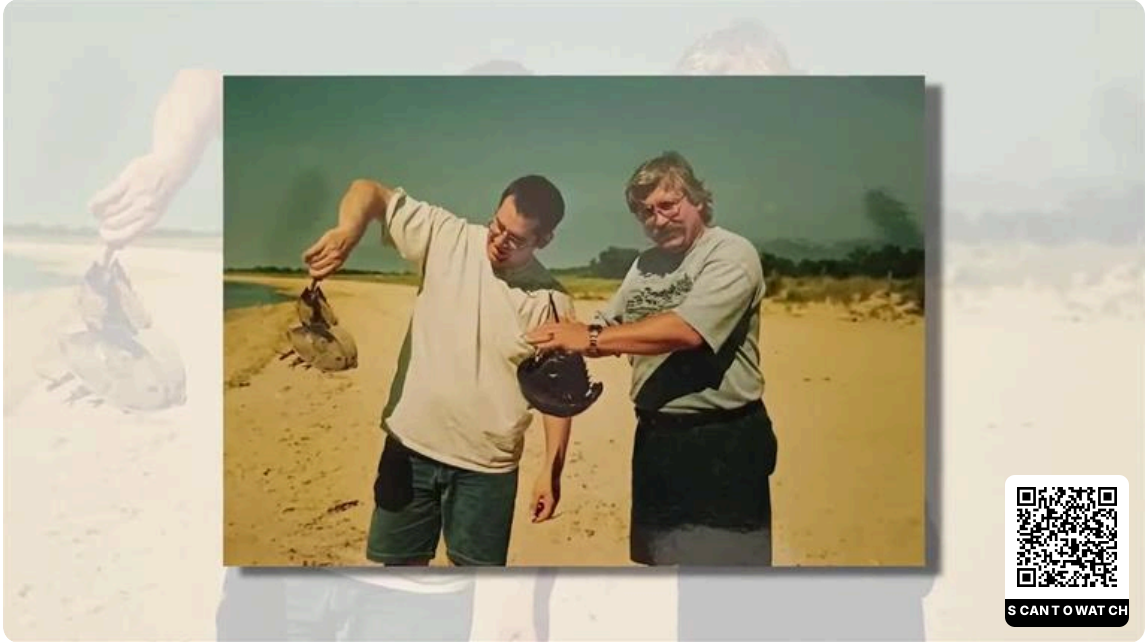
Media

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

January 6 at 9:57 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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