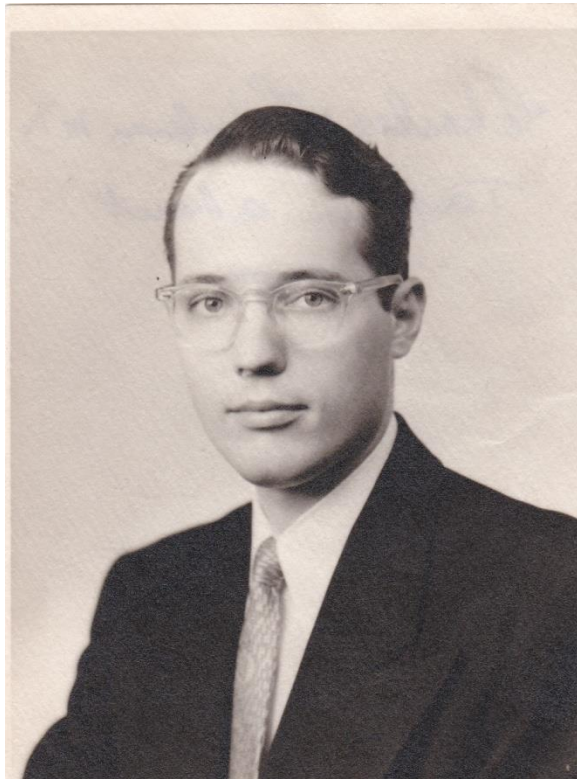


Obituary Notice Charles Louis Wilson MD



1955 School of Medicine Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland



1968 US Air Force Aeromedical Flight on Project Gemini Missions

Dr. Charles Louis Wilson, Col. USAF, MC (Ret), age 92, born in Cleveland, Ohio 15 December, 1928, and a resident of San Antonio, Texas, since 1971, passed away 15 January, 2021 after contracting the coronavirus. He was a graduate of Shaw Senior High School Class of January, 1947, and Adelbert College, Case-Western Reserve University, January 1951. He graduated from The School of Medicine Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, June 1955. From then until April 1957 he was a rotating medical intern for a year, and then began an Internal Medicine residency at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. The "doctor draft" called him into the United States Air Force in May 1957 and he remained on active duty until 1 July 1982. Another 15 years were devoted in Civil Service as a physician consultant in Cardiology and Internal Medicine at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. He fully retired May 1997 after 40 years of service. In the Air Force he achieved his Board Certification by the American Board of Preventative Medicine in Aerospace Medicine after three years of specialty training including a year of study at the School of Public Health, Harvard University and further work at Brooks AFB and Barksdale AFB. He was the Task Officer for the evaluation of the original NASA astronauts at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. He was assigned to

Washington DC, RAF Lakenheath UK, and subsequently as the Medical Director, Life Support Systems Program at Wright-Patterson AFB.

He returned to the clinical practice of medicine and cardiology at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center after completing two additional years of Internal Medicine residency and two additional years of Cardiology fellowship at Wilford Hall. He was awarded Board Certification in three specialties: Aerospace Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Cardiovascular Disease. He was a Fellow of both The American College of Physicians and The American College of Cardiology. For over two decades he taught medical students and was an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit by the US Air Force in recognition of his early work in introducing the American Heart Association Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support in the San Antonio-Corpus Christi and surrounding rural areas beginning in 1976.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 64 years Marie Anna Kowatch of Cleveland, Ohio, they were married June 12, 1954; son Gregory Stephan Wilson MD and wife E. Jane Brockett Wilson of Cleburne Texas; daughters Lisa Ann Wilson Mello of Maui, Hawaii; and Laura Elizabeth Wilson of San Francisco, California; six grandchildren and one great grandson; and six nieces and nephews.

On September 27, 2021 a graveside service took place at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military funeral honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.