



## Charles "Charlie" Robert Wilson

April 10, 1933 - February 12, 2024

Affectionately known as Charlie, he was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 10, 1933. Charlie moved to Florida in 1946 and graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1951. He was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. After a three-year tour, he attended Saint Pete Junior College and later graduated from the University of Florida in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism.

He entered the Air Force in 1962. Building his way up through the ranks, he was assigned as a mission crew commander aboard a E - 3A AWACS aircraft during the Iraq Iran Wars in 1980. His passion to travel continued long after his service, including Europe, Scandinavia, the Middle East, and Asia.

He moved to Tallahassee to be near his daughter and granddaughter in 2014. A fan of Tallahassee Swing Band Tuesday night dances at the American Legion Hall, Post 13, he wisely invited a young lady named Beverly Schacht to dance. In the 10 years since that night, he and Beverly danced, played cards, traveled, and made the most of every moment.

He lived in Cherry Laurel where he made countless friends and was a beloved resident full of tales from his service and travel. Charlie lived life to the fullest, was generous and always ready with a quote from his favorite curmudgeon Mark Twain, "wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been."

Our wrinkles are a testament to the many smiles he brought us. Surviving family members are his daughter, Catherine Schroeder, his granddaughter, Olivia Schroeder, and his brother Roger Wilson of Seminole, Florida. Godspeed Charlie!

Todd Wahlquist and Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home will be assisting the family with their arrangements ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) or 850-385-2193).

# Tribute Wall

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“ My husband Charlie Nuzzo entertained regularly as a vocalist of “oldies” for residents at Cherry Laurel where we got to enjoy Charlie’s company for several years. He had such a twinkle in his eye and was such a caring friend to our other pal, Clark Watson, a 100-year-old senior at Cherry Laurel. I didn’t know Charlie had a journalism degree and wish I’d known so we could talk about that. With empathy for your loss and gratitude that we knew Charlie.  
Mary Ann Lindley (longtime newspaper columnist)

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**Mary Ann Lindley** - February 18, 2024 at 09:48 AM