

Lester Paul Wilson, 75, passed away on August 2, 2026.

Lester was born on April 20, 1951, in Toledo, Ohio, passed away on August 2, 2026. He was the son of Paul Wilson and Doris Jones Wilson.

Lester proudly served in the U.S. Army after high school, including a tour in Vietnam from 1971-1972, where he earned the Bronze Star. He dedicated 20 years to military service, with postings both domestically and internationally in the Netherlands and Germany.

Lester married Maria Cruz Hernandez on December 7, 1973, and they were blessed with two daughters, Tina Marie and Mariya Nicole. Though their marriage later ended, their shared love for their children remained.

Following his military retirement in Hawaii, Lester worked as a semi-truck driver before relocating to Idaho. In Idaho, he found great fulfillment working in the maintenance department for the Blaine County School District, particularly cherishing his role in building playgrounds for local elementary schools. He retired in 2016 and later moved to Pocatello, Idaho, in 2020.

Lester was known for his meticulous nature and his passion for various artistic endeavors. He was an avid gardener, a talented artist who excelled in Bavarian Folk painting, acrylics, and dot mandalas. His creative spirit also extended to egg carving, pottery, stained glass, quilting, jewelry design, and leather stamping. He was generously gifted his artistic creations to friends and family.



## *In Loving Memory*



**Lester Paul Wilson**  
April 20, 1951 ~ August 2, 2026

### *A Soldier's Prayer*

Lord, I ask for courage  
Courage to face and conquer my own fears...  
Courage to take me where others will not go.

I ask for strength...  
Strength of body to protect others...  
Strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for dedication...  
Dedication to my job, to do it well...  
Dedication to my country,  
To keep it safe.

Give me, Lord, concern for those  
and compassion for those  
Who need me,

And please, Lord, through it all  
Be at my side.

### *Funeral Services*

Friday ~ August 7, 2026 ~ 11:00 am  
Purpose Center  
224 North Union Pacific Avenue ~ Pocatello, ID  
Officiating ~ Pastor Steve Yadon

Opening Prayer ~ Pastor Steve Yadon

Life Sketch ~ Scott McCullough

Speaker ~ Pastor Steve Yadon

Tributes ~ Grandchildren

Sharing of Memories ~ Open Invitation

Closing Prayer ~ Craig Yadon

### *Concluding Services*

Idaho State Veterans Cemetery  
2651 Cromwell Lane ~ Blackfoot, ID

### *Casket Bearers*

Scott McCullough ~ Craig Yadon ~ Imre Tordai ~ Garrett Yadon  
Cameron Yadon ~ Sando Moore