



## Marshall Wiley (1938 – 2018)

Marshall Wiley, 80, died peacefully on September 10, 2018 at his home in Santa Maria, CA with his wife Willa by his side.

Marshall was born January 11, 1938, in Santa Maria, CA and began his career in electronics with RCA at Vandenberg AFB, CA. He moved with his first wife and young sons to Alaska in 1962. At one point they lived in Homer where his third child, a daughter was born and then moved to Delta Junction where he was a Volunteer Fire Chief, who ordered the first fire truck with modifications for Arctic use and was one of the first Alaskan's to earn the EMT status. He eventually moved his family to Fairbanks where he became a proud Alaska Teamster member on October 18, 1974 working for Bendix Field Engineering as an Electronic Technician at NASA's Gilmore Creek Tracking Station. To expand his Alaskan adventures, Marshall earned his commercial stock broker license and his commercial pilot license and even owned a Piper Cherokee. He enjoyed reveling in the many tales of early Alaska; a legacy he was very proud of.

It was in that Piper Cherokee flying along the Yukon River that he proposed to Willa while commuting between her home in Anchorage and his in Fairbanks. After marrying in 1984, he and Willa relocated first to Guam, then to Bavaria, Germany, and White Sands, NM for his job as an Electronic Engineer in the Aerospace industry. For 15 years that took them on many adventures around the world. Upon retirement in 1998, they returned to his childhood home built by his father, grandfather and himself in Santa Maria.

Marshall was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Marshall will be greatly missed and is survived by his wife, Willa; sons, Marshall (Vivian) of Colorado Springs, CO. and Eric (Susan) of Eagle River, AK; and daughter, Cheryl Gonzales (Rich) of Colorado Springs, CO. ; step-daughters, Cheri Lipps (David) and Patti Amon (Jeromy) of Anchorage, AK; and brother, James Wiley of Anchorage, AK; and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marshall was preceded in death by his parents; Howard Dean and Nellie Wiley; and infant son, Keith.

Honoring his request, there will be no service and his ashes will come “back home” to Alaska.

We would like to thank the dedicated Central Coast hospice nurses and caregivers who were so helpful during this time. If you wish, please donate in Marshall’s name to your favorite charity or local hospice.

The world may never know what a treasure was lost upon his passing, but for those of us who knew him, we do. Although the pain of losing one so wonderful cuts deep, a person should count themselves among the blessed to have known even half the love, dedication and devotion that the man named Marshall Wiley graced our lives with.