



## Frederick R. Willson

January 2, 1941 - November 13, 2018

Frederick R. Willson, a resident of Beacon, passed away on November 13, 2018, at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Newburgh. He was 77.

Fred was born on January 2, 1941 in Rome, New York the son of the late John Winfield and Beatrice Jessie (Mayer) Willson. Fred honorably served his country in the United States Coast Guard from 1959 to 1966. After working at IBM for 25 years, Fred started and operated his own electrical business, Colles Electric. In the 1970's and 80's, Fred was a member of the IAC Chapter 52 Aerobatic Club, flying Cap10s, Cessnas, and the occasional Piper Cub. His other hobbies included genealogy, fossil hunting, watching Discovery and History channel, and tinkering with cars and electronics. Some of Fred's and his family's favorite memories were of their times vacationing in Maine near the Schoodic Peninsula.

In April of 1970, he married Ruth Herbaugh. Mrs. Willson survives at home. In addition to his wife, Fred is survived by his children, Colleen Willson, Leslie Morrell, Elizabeth Willson, Kathryn Fish, Rachel Reece, and Earl Willson; his eleven grandchildren; brother, Jonathan Willson; sister, Deborah Priest; half-brother, Gilbert Willson; and many loved nieces and nephews. He was a quiet man with a big heart who loved his family and made sure they all knew just how much.

In addition to his parents, Fred was predeceased by his infant daughter, Kristine, and son, Fred.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 15th at 10 am at Salem Tabernacle Church, 7 Delavan Avenue, Beacon. Military honors will be rendered.

In lieu of flowers, a tribute donation may be made to The Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park in his memory.

To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Memorial Service**   10:00AM  
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Salem Tabernacle Church  
7 Delavan Avenue, Beacon, NY, US, 12508

# Comments

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“ I'm thankful for the time I shared with him in Beacon and in Maine. It was a privilege to know him, to call him Dad, and I can honestly say I am a better man for having known him. Thank you, Fred Willson, for the honorable life you lived while you were with us, and the great memories you have left me with. If there are airplanes in heaven, I'm sure you're doing barrel rolls. And when your day is done, you are walking on golden streets and holding the Lord's hand. Dan

**Dan Sander** - December 08, 2018 at 12:17 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear of Fritz's passing. Seems to have been a tough year for the family. I wish there were something I could say to ease your loss. Take care of yourselves.

**Tom Netzband** - November 30, 2018 at 01:27 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to our longtime friend Ruth and family on the loss of our friend Fred. We became friends as fellow aerobatic students of Daniel & Montaine, becoming charter members of IAC Chapter 52, and competing in the aerobatic contests. Here are our photo memories (as of this writing a work in progress). I will also share it with the many aviation community friends who knew Fred.

<http://frobbi.org/images/FredWillson/>

(You may have to copy and paste the link above.)

Fred & Lynn

**Fred Robbins** - November 18, 2018 at 09:07 AM

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“ I remember spending time at the Willson's home... Leslie and I we're good friends... Mr Willson was always kind.... My prayers are with you guys!!!! Love you all!

**Cathy Albertson** - November 17, 2018 at 10:34 PM