



BIOGRAPHY

A DOCUMENTED ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

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Elmer Holmes Wilson

Elmer Holmes Wilson was born November 16, 1907 to Mrs. Emma Wilson in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended Philadelphia public schools and was a member of the Dauphin Street Baptist Church where he was active in many youth programs and sang in the choir and the Men's Quartet with a marvelous booming baritone voice. Mr. Wilson was joined in matrimony to Mildred Johnson on October 4, 1941. Two girls and two boys were born to their marriage.



Mr. Wilson served nearly four years (1941-1945) in the Army Air Corps. He trained at Moton Field, Tuskegee, Alabama where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant with the 99th Fighter Squadron as a Camera Technician and Plane Mechanic. As a Tuskegee Airmen, he served his country in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, the Balkans and North Africa. His decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with nine Bronze Star clusters.



After returning to Philadelphia, Elmer was a Philadelphia Auto Parts Supervisor until his retirement in the early 70's. Mr. Wilson, also known as Mixie, was quite the fixer; there was little he could not repair. He was an active member of the American Defenders of American Legion Post # 968, a Life Member of the VFW Post #5943 and along with his wife Mildred, a Charter member of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen. After moving to Tarpon Springs, Florida in 1988, Mr. Wilson transferred his membership to John M. Schneider Post # 10757.

Staff Sergeant Elmer H. Wilson passed away July 16, 1995. Mrs. Mildred Wilson, his wife, passed away on April 16, 2014. Their children, Deborah Butler, Linda Newton, Anthony Wilson and Michael Wilson and their extended families still reside in Philadelphia, PA.

