

SMSgt Paul F. Wilkins

08 December 1948 – 08 November 2005

Paul Frederick Wilkins, a Fremont resident for 35 years, died November 8, 2005, at his home. He was 56.



Born December 8, 1948, in Alameda, Paul joined the Air Force in 1971, and after training at Lackland and Lowry, he and wife Becky were sent to Minot, North Dakota where the saying was that “only the best go north.” They returned to California in 1972, where Paul left active duty for the California Air National Guard stationed in Hayward. He joined them as a civil servant in 1974. In 1984 he became an AGR, and remained in that status until his death. Paul had a distinguished career with the Guard and achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant in the supply field. He was honored with a 21-gun salute at the time of burial.

Paul enjoyed bowling for the ANG and bike riding at Harbor Bay Isle, but his real love was watching baseball games and, later, San Jose Sharks hockey games. He followed the Giants from the time they came to the Bay Area in 1958 and attended all A's World Series games. He was in the stadium the night of the Loma Prieta earthquake.

Paul visited many ballparks, including Fenway Park and Wrigley Field, but his biggest thrill was going to the Baseball Hall of Fame this past May. He and Becky had many wonderful trips to such places as Hawaii, Alaska, Vancouver, a snowy visit to the Grand Canyon, and many enjoyable visits to Portland and the Oregon coast.

Paul was truly an old-fashioned gentleman who opened doors and gave up his seat for others. He was a wonderful host and made countless guests comfortable in his home. His kindness will be missed by friends, acquaintances, coworkers, and anyone lucky enough to come near him.

Paul is survived by Becky, his wife of 35 years; his daughter, Kareasa, of San Francisco; and his sister, Linda Bramante, of Alameda.