



Geoffrey G. Stilley

January 31, 1949 - August 23, 2025

Geoffrey Stilley, 76, of Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter, Florida, passed away on August 23, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Geoff lived a full and dynamic life marked by service, hard work, and enduring friendships. He attended Penn State University, where he was a proud member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, before answering the call to serve his country as a naval aviator in the United States Navy. Following his military service, Geoff earned a master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland, preparing him for a long and successful civilian career.

He went on to spend decades in federal technology sales in the Washington, D.C area., where he was known for his sharp mind, perseverance, and ability to connect with others. Later, he made his home in South Florida, where he enjoyed the warmth of the Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens communities.

Geoff faced life with resilience and was surrounded by many loyal friends who valued his humor and vibrant spirit. He also had a deep love for animals of all kinds, and caring for them brought him great joy.

He is survived by his son, Geoffrey Stilley; his brothers, John Stilley and Robert ("Bob") Stilley; his two grandchildren; and his nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Friday, September 26th at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in Geoffrey's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation (<https://dogood.t2t.org/give/320847/>) or South Florida Mutt Rescue (<https://www.sfmutterescue.org/donate>).

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
204 US Hwy. #1
Tequesta, FL 33469

Tribute Wall

JO

“ When I learned of Geoff’s passing in August, I was so floored I couldn’t even post a message. Geoff and I met in AOCS in Pensacola in 1970. He got me through the physical aspects of training and I helped him with the academics, particularly math. We both went to fly F-4 phantoms, him east coast and me west. He’s the only one from the training command I’ve been in contact with throughout these 50 odd years. We phoned each other monthly and we got together a few times, most recently about 4 years ago. We reminisced, laughed, cried and carried on like we’d never been apart. Even now I’m rambling not knowing what to say. Good bye, my brother in arms, you’ll be missed

Jack Obszarski - January 06 at 10:41 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Geoffrey G. Stille.



October 27, 2025 at 02:42 PM

AP

“ I am very saddened by the loss of my dear friend Geoff. We met as grad students at the University of Maryland and became fast friends. We played intramural sports and racquetball of which he beat me every time. We reconnected 5 years ago and had lunch together frequently in McLean, VA. I will miss him greatly.

Alan Ptak

Alan Ptak - October 27, 2025 at 12:38 PM

DG

“ I was very sorry to learn of Geoff’s passing. He was the second oldest among the cousins on my dad’s side. We were fortunate that Grandpa and Grandma Gemmell believed it was important for us cousins to spend time together and really get to know one another. Because of that, we grew close to our Stilley cousins, Geoff, John Michael, and Bob, as well as Doug and Richard Gemmell, and our cousin Terry Kilduff. We had so much fun together and felt like we had an “extra” set of brothers and sisters. There was always plenty of love to go around.

Geoff was always the jokester, trickster, and master of clever shenanigans. One memory that still makes me smile happened a “few” years ago when some of us met at the Appalachian Brewery in Gettysburg. Jim, Dan, David, Richard, and John joined in by phone. We were all gathered by 12:15, but no Geoff. At 12:30, he came rolling up in a rumbling Jeep Grand Cherokee, grinning like the Cheshire cat. Because of vision problems, he had brought along a helper to drive, but Geoff insisted he had done the driving himself, 90 mph all the way from Alexandria, VA! We all looked at him and wondered if he and his driver had swapped seats just a block away. Now that Geoff has passed, I will always remember him with a smile and with gratitude for the fun and love he brought into our lives. As an old Irish saying goes, “Everyone wants to go to Heaven, but nobody wants to die.” It comes to us all, but Geoff leaves behind joy and laughter in the memories we’ll always carry. Rest in peace, Cousin Geoff.

Dan Gemmell - September 24, 2025 at 06:09 PM

KM

“ *I will miss Geoff. He was a dear friend for almost 60 years.*

We were fraternity brothers at PSU and worked together at a few companies after college.

Geoff helped many people find jobs in the technology sector. He was an excellent salesman and manager.

He was quite the practical joker and there are many funny stories that will be told for years.

He was especially proud of his son, Geoff Jr. and his grandchildren.

Ken Marcus - September 07, 2025 at 09:44 PM

MW

“ Geoff and I met about 15 years ago when he was attending the Jaguar Performance Driving Academy of which I was an instructor. Geoff was a true A-type personality and clearly loved speed. It would take the first couple of driving sessions/exercises to get Geoff just to back off enough to get all the pieces of driving fast in order. We bonded one day at Laguna Seca in Monterey Ca while on the track he kept cutting the power and jerking the wheel over the blind rise on the front straight which about the worst thing you could do at 100+ mph. My usually calm instructions turned to loudly “If you do that again you will never be a part of the program ever again”. He later said I would make a good flight boss or something like that.

He must have done 10 programs with us and at Homestead Florida he overreacted to being a little out of place and he crashed us at about 80-90mph. He spent a few days at the hospital with a broken kneecap, collapsed lung I believe and a bruised ego. We talked every few months since that incident some 6-7 years ago and for some reason he loved recalling and chatting about that.

Geoff clearly enjoyed life and pushed through his eyesight issues and loved his guide dog. I will remember Geoff fondly!

RIP Geoff!

Mark Wolocatiuk - September 04, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DK

“ Geoff has been one of my dearest friends for over 50 years. Starting with our good times at Phi Delta Theta (Penn State University); then into the Naval Aviation program together; then working at Xerox together... and just generally being "connected" through all the years. Geoff had the unique ability to be totally inane on the one hand (hence the name "Silly Stilley"), while having the capacity to be serious, heartfelt, and compassionate on the other hand. I don't know that there is a person alive that Geoff ever met who wouldn't say that Geoff was a "good guy". Geoff (more than anyone else I've ever known) was the eternal optimist. Whatever the situation (be it his own or someone else's), Geoff would have a way of seeing the glass half-full. Despite all the woes that Geoff faced in his last couple of years, he was almost always upbeat. Even in some recent conversations where it was clear that Geoff was in his final days, we always found something to laugh about.. and it was usually at each other & with each other. Fun in the face of the demise. I already miss Geoff immensely. No more phone calls 3 times a week to see what we were up to and talk about some silly thing. And though I'm still trying to deal with the fact that he is gone, in a way he's not really gone. His spirit & his memories live on. Thanks Geoff!!! Love you man, and see you down the road.

Don W. Kibler - September 03, 2025 at 12:18 PM

KM

“ I’ve known Geoff for almost 60 years. We were fraternity brothers in the all time jock house, Phi Delta Theta at Penn State.

He was a great friend over the years and helped me and countless others in getting good jobs.

He was quite the practical joker and always upbeat.

He was especially proud of his son, Geoff Jr., and his two grand children.

He also was very proud of both his brothers accomplishments and his close relationship with them.

I miss our frequent conversations and his friendship. He had a remarkable life!

Ken Marcus - August 29, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ Geoff is one of those people you meet once and never forget. We worked together for about a year and he regaled the whole sales team with stories of triumph, as well as numerous scrapes with death. We were genuinely astounded he lived to tell some of those stories! As the years went by, I’d run into him at conferences and such. He was ALWAYS a pleasure to talk to. I’m so saddened to hear he’s gone (too soon) and pray for comfort for the family as you mourn him but also celebrate a life lived to the fullest. May you rest in Peace, ol friend. You’ll be missed, brother.

Brian Winkler - August 29, 2025 at 12:31 PM

GB

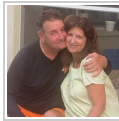
“ Geoff was my 1st sales manager in the wonderful world of IT sales. A friend and a great mentor. But also a crazy man. It was during this time that he lost his Pilot License for flying UNDER the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. I just spoke with him earlier this month and had no idea his health was fading

Gary Boisen - August 28, 2025 at 11:19 AM

HB

Geoffrey or Jeff was buddy from sporting club in Virginia
crazy mf but loved him like a brother

hans banziger - August 28, 2025 at 11:39 AM



I did not know Geoff that well other than for his brother Bob but we always stayed friends. He had that great laugh which was hilarious and he had such amazing energy. I am so sorry to hear this and my heartfelt condolences to all the wonderful Stilley family. RIP my friend. God speed!!!

Larry Bryan - August 29, 2025 at 12:24 PM

DA

“ Well I have known the Admiral just a short time. I served him his favorite variety of cocktails at the Moose Lodge next door. Many great stories of his time representing our country. Met his wonderful brother when he arrived to visit and can tell you success pride runs deep in his family. Gonna miss ya my friend just happy to be a small adventure in your life of greatness. Dean A

Dean Appleman - August 28, 2025 at 10:15 AM

DP

“ Only knew briefly here in Palm Beach Gardens but enjoyed his humor

Dennis Proefrock - August 27, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sam Stilley - August 27, 2025 at 06:24 PM

VR

“ *Godspeed my friend.*

Vincenti Ross - August 27, 2025 at 06:06 PM

DM

Downed several brews and lots of laughs with Geoff. He was a guys guy, RIP my brother!!

David Magar - August 27, 2025 at 08:42 PM

PM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all of Geoff's family. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. My husband Joe was a Phi Delt brother with Geoff at Penn State and there are many memories of his humor and his entertaining stories. We recently reconnected when he reached out with condolences on my husband's passing. I will always fondly remember Geoff. May you rest in peace! With my sincere sympathy, Pat McDonald*

Pat McDonald - August 27, 2025 at 05:40 PM