



Good Conduct (Medal





Reverend Wilbur Carl Albright 2010

Wilbur Carl Albright Communications Technician 1/C U.S. Navy 17 March 1954 – 12 February 1960

Wilbur was born on 2 May 1935 in North Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school there from 1941 to 1949, and graduated from Whitehall High School in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, in 1953. He enrolled in Kutztown State College in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, but had to be hospitalized, and then enlisted in the Navy as a Seaman Recruit on 17 March 1954. Wilbur underwent recruit training at Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, until 10 June 1954, and was then assigned to Naval Security Station, Washington, DC, for duty with the Naval Security Group until December 1954. While there, Wilbur was assigned on temporary duty to attend Yeoman School, at Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, from 19 July to 24 September. He was advanced to Yeoman Seaman Apprentice upon graduation. In January 1955, Wilbur reported to Naval Communications Station, Kodiak, Alaska, for a one-year tour with the Naval Security Group. While there, he was advanced to Yeoman Seaman, and later had his rating changed to Communications Technician Seaman (CTSN). From January 1956 until January 1958, Wilbur was assigned to Naval Security Group Detachment, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he continued to perform administrative duties and was advanced to Communication Technician 1/C (CT1). After Hawaii, Wilbur returned to the States where he was assigned to Naval Security Station, Washington, DC, once again, and served there from February 1958 until his release from active duty on 12 February 1960 as CT1 and assignment to the Navy Reserve until 16 Mar 1962. After Wilbur returned home, he married Phyllis Lorraine Snyder (born 5 September 1933) on 21 November 1959 in Lehighton, Pennsylvania. They first lived in Lehighton, and Wilbur went to work from 1960 to 1967 in Catasaugua as an Assistant Production Coordinator for Fuller Company, fabricator of plate and sheet metal for lime and cement kilns, dust collectors, and related fabricated products. In 1963, they moved to New Tripoli, Pennsylvania, until 1967, when Wilbur left Fuller to attend the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Seminary in 1970 with a Master of Divinity Degree. Since that time he has been serving as a Pastor for the United Church of Christ for churches located in eastern Pennsylvania. Just prior to his graduation from the Seminary, Wilbur and Phyllis moved to Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, where they lived until successively relocating to Lower Macungie Township and Macungie Borough, where they live today. Wilbur and Phyllis have two children; Kathleen Marie and Dale Alan. Wilbur's parents were Wilbur Leidy Albright (15 September 1913 – 30 May 1979) and Julianna Theresa (Nicklas) Albright (22 May 1909 – 29 November 2003). Wilbur's brother, George H. Albright, served in the Air Force from 1957 to 1961, and his step-brother, Paul V. J. Grey, served in the Navy from 1945 to 1949.