



Willard Alton Womack

November 15, 1936 - July 14, 2025

Willard Alton Womack, born on November 15, 1936, in Ward, Arkansas, passed away peacefully from natural causes on July 14, 2025, in Fayetteville, Georgia, at the age of 88.

Willard was a man whose life was filled with passion and dedication. As a pilot for Trans World Airlines (TWA), he took to the skies with skill and grace, sharing his love of aviation with those who knew him. He was also a proud owner of several aircraft throughout his lifetime, embodying the spirit of adventure that defined much of his life.

His dedication to service was exemplified by his time in the United States Army, where he served bravely during the Vietnam War, piloting the L19 aircraft. A lifelong historian and raconteur, Willard was committed to teaching both children and adults about the bravery of the men and women who served during World War II, ensuring their stories would not be forgotten.

Willard was an active member of the Commemorative Air Force Airbase of Georgia, where he found camaraderie and purpose among fellow enthusiasts. He was equally passionate about animals, particularly cats, which he adored.

He is preceded in death by his father, William Marion Womack, and mother, Altha Clara Lenderman. He is survived by his beloved wife, Janet K. Abbott;

daughter, Diane Elizabeth Womack of Mesa, Arizona; son, Franklin Foster Womack of Kansas City, Missouri; grandson, Austin Wallace Womack and his wife, Mari, of Placerville, California; and great-granddaughter, Millie Womack.

A graveside service will be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. to honor his life and legacy.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Willard's memory may make donations to the CAF Airbase Georgia at www.airbasegeorgia.org or to the Fayette Humane Society at www.fayettehumane.org, reflecting his love for aviation and animals.

Willard Alton Womack will be remembered for his dedication to his country, his family, and his passions. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St. Louis, MO

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Willard and I first at the DIXIE Wing Airshow in 2005. We both joined the Wing at the same time and had become best of friends with Will taking on the roll of my mentor! We worked together on the P63, Miss Lorane, Pt26, Lt6, Docents and many more endeavors; not once did he complain or back down, Willard had a way of welcoming and including everyone. He was a man that everyone would feel he was your best friend! In all ways he was truly a Godsend who has been called back to the side of our Lord.
Joe Basilone

Joe Basilone - August 17, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JG

“ When I was in highschool I had the opportunity to volunteer at the CAF with Mr. Womack. He was one of the nicest and most knowledgeable people that I have ever met. I can definitely say that he left a lasting impact on me and helped make me the person I am today. Rest in peace Willard Womack.

John Gossett - August 17, 2025 at 10:54 AM

CM

“ Willard was always generous with his time and knowledge. He was a patriot and gentleman who personally introduced thousands of students to history and aviation at Airbase Georgia. Willard will be deeply missed.

Chris Madrid - July 23, 2025 at 08:34 AM

DW

“ Grandsons First Salute with his grandfather. Capt. Willard Womack and Lt. Austin Womack



Diane Womack - July 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JS

“ When I first joined Airbase Georgia, Willard allowed me to “tag along.” I learned so much from him, and enjoyed every minute. There wasn’t a WWII artifact that he didn’t know something about it. He would put on every cap, goggle, or coat to explain its significance. I will always remember him in his red docent shirt and red “Meow” cap. He was so proud of all the cats that he and Jan rescued. I will miss him so much!

Jane Simpson - July 17, 2025 at 03:01 PM

SS

“ Willard was the go-to guy for bringing my classes to the CAF for tours and briefings. I spent many hours with him as a fellow member of the Airbase Georgia crew.

Steve Seal - July 17, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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Steve Seal - July 17, 2025 at 12:05 PM



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Frank Womack - July 16, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JO

“ Jan ...I am so sorry to learn of Will,s passing I always thought a lot of him and his flying experiences stories he would tell me about were incredible. I remember the tour he gave me one hot day at Falcon Field in PTC a few years ago. Please take care of yourself as my thoughts are with you at this sad time,

Jim Ouzts - July 16, 2025 at 11:40 AM