

## Remember Them Forever

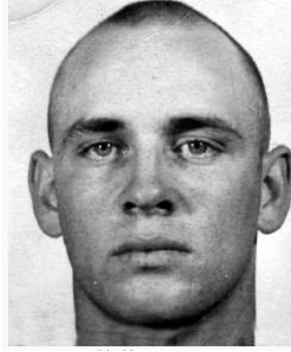
Name: Eddie Wayne Wilkerson

Birth: 06 Dec 1930

Justin, Denton County, Texas

Death: 07 Oct 1952

South Korea, Missing in Action—Presumed Dead



Cemetery: Prairie Mound Cemetery

Cemetery Location: 1006 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Argyle, TX 76226

Section: East, Block M

Plot GPS: 33° 06' 31" N, 97° 13' 32" W

**Military:** Private First Class Wilkerson was a member of Company I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. Eddie was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy in Korea on 07 Oct 1952. He was awarded the Purple Heart with Gold Star; the Combat Action Ribbon; the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation; and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. Twenty-one-year-old Eddie served just six months before his death.

**Civilian:** At age 19 before becoming a Marine, Eddie worked as a Butane Gas Distributor.

**Family:** Eddie's parents were Cleber Wilkerson and Lura Oleta Rhoads.

He had an older sister, Mary Helen, and a twin brother named Freddie Layne.

Because Eddie's body was never recovered, in 1975 the family applied for and received a military headstone marked "IN MEMORY" that lies in this cemetery.

**Sources:** Ancestry.com; Korean War Casualty Listings; American Battlefield Monuments Commission: Korean War Veterans Honor Roll; U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985; Find a Grave memorial #74777010; Texas, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1903-1932; Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903-1997

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