



## FRANK P. WILPERT SR.

September 20, 1951 - April 2, 2023

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN  
FRANK'S NAME TO:

TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION  
2361 HYLAN BOULEVARD  
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10306  
[www.t2t.org/donate](http://www.t2t.org/donate)

OR TO:

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT  
P.O. BOX 758516  
TOPEKA, KANSAS 66675-8516  
[www.support.woundedwarriorprojet.org/donate](http://www.support.woundedwarriorprojet.org/donate)

VISITATION:

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

3PM TO 8PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

11AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH  
5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD  
OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438  
973-208-0090

INTERMENT:

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023  
FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS  
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY  
ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH

Frank Peter Wilpert, Sr., 71, of Oak Ridge N.J. passed away April 2, 2023, at Morristown Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1951 in Franklin Square Long Island to the late Barbara (nee Raumberger) and the late Peter Wilpert.

Frank was a 1969 graduate of Pope John XXIII High School, Sparta N.J and graduated from Villanova University in 1973 with a BA degree in Geography and Environmental Science. He spent his entire career as a Public Health Officer starting as a Sanitarian with Jefferson Township, where he received his Health Officers License and went on to be Director of Health and Social Services in Denville. He Served as the Sussex County Health Director for many years and ended his 43 Years of service as Health Director for Mount Olive Township. Frank also grew up in the family restaurant business. His parents owned Original Rudi's in Oak Ridge and after that business was sold became co-owner with his brothers and parents in The Newtonian Inn, Newton NJ. On August 11, 1973 he married the love of his life, Gerri (Day) and they went on to have 49 beautiful years together.

Frank was a lifelong member of St Thomas Apostle Church in Oak Ridge where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. He was an Avid hunter and a Member of The Woodstock Gun Club. He was also a member of the NJ Heath Officer's Association and was a past member of the Hampton Rotary Club where he received the Paul Harris Fellow.

Frank's family was the center of his universe. He enjoyed spending time on his Boat, sitting poolside at his home with all his friends and family, and cooking for family gatherings. He enjoyed watching Fox News and Hallmark Christmas movies all year long, sharing ice pops with his grandkids and making creamed spinach and "Opa style" scrambled eggs. He looked forward each year to our large family summer vacation in Sandbridge, Virginia, enjoying the pool, the beach and his kids and grandkids. He was an Avid NY Giants and NY Mets Fan. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's school and sporting events.

He was predeceased by his parents Peter and Barbara and his brother John Wilpert.

Frank is survived by his wife Gerri, his daughter Krista Stechschulte and her husband Gene, his son Frank Wilpert Jr. and his wife Marya; his cherished grandchildren Andrew, Katelyn, and Ava Stechschulte of Findlay, OH and Franky, Luke, and John Patrick Wilpert of Lake Hopatcong, NJ; his loving brother Tony and his wife Rene Wilpert, sister-in law Jayne Wilpert; and his brothers-in-law Steve Day and William Day and his wife Jilene.

Frank was a treasured Uncle to Danja, Derek, Adam, Amy, John, Jessica, Steven, Jennifer and Jimmy; and a loving cousin to Rosemary Search and her husband Timothy, Peter Calusic and his wife Cathy, Ronald Nause and his wife Cindy, Diane Hirko, and Lorraine Kutchma.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, [www.t2t.org/donate](http://www.t2t.org/donate) or to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 [www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate)

The family would like to acknowledge the wonderful care he received at Morristown Medical Center CVICU unit.

The family will receive visitors on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 3pm to 8pm at the Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (for GPS use 1 Post Place).

The funeral mass will take place on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 11am at St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

The interment will immediately follow at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, adjacent to the church.

On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home  
187 La Rue Road  
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
(973) 697-6700  
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church  
5635 Berkshire Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
(973) 208-0090

## Interment

APR 10. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery  
5635 Berkshire Valley Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438  
(973) 208-0090

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ My memories of Frank go back to Little League and Pony League in baseball. He was a tough pitcher to hit and since I played the outfield, he kept me busy running after a lot of balls he hit really far. Beyond baseball, Frank always impressed me as a sincere person with deep, good values and he and Gerri made a formidable couple. May God grant Gerri and the rest of his family comfort and strength until the eternal reunion.

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**Greg Warholak** - May 29, 2023 at 11:01 AM

BB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



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**Bob Debbie Borny** - April 10, 2023 at 02:39 PM

CK

“ We're so very sorry for your loss. Frank was a true presence and welcoming to all. I know he shall be greatly missed.  
*Carol and Lloyd Kitchin*

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**Carol Kitchin** - April 08, 2023 at 02:35 PM

PL

“ An Honor to Our Father RIP Frank

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**Patricia Lytle** - April 08, 2023 at 08:43 AM

PL

“ Patricia Lytle lit a candle in memory of  
FRANK P. WILPERT SR.



Patricia Lytle - April 08, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the  
family of FRANK P. WILPERT SR..



April 07, 2023 at 03:32 PM

EG

“ Gerry and family: There are no words to soften the pain, let your  
spirit be touched by the love that surrounds you and be comforted  
by memories. With sincere sympathy, Eileen Griffiths

Eileen Griffiths - April 07, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family  
of FRANK P. WILPERT SR..



April 07, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of FRANK P. WILPERT SR..



April 06, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Dear Gerri and family, Words can't express how sad we are for your loss. Frank was a loving husband and father. Hank always valued their long friendship, as does our family. Take care and let us know if you every need anything. Love, Ann Marie, Andy and Brian Grilk

Grilk Family - April 06, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of FRANK P. WILPERT SR..



April 06, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ Gerri and family, so very sorry to read of Frank's passing. Steve always spoke highly of him. Prayers for all of you. Linda Stiansen

Linda Stiansen - April 05, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of FRANK P. WILPERT SR..*



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April 05, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sad to hear of Frank's passing. I attended Pope John XXIII high school and in the same class, graduating with him in 1969. Frank, may you rest in peace, Renald L. Ratti*

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**Renald L. Ratti** - April 05, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Frank will always have a special place in my heart. He was always there for me when advice was needed. Rest in Peace Frank.*



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**Susan Downer** - April 05, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Jayne, Johnny and Michelle purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of FRANK P. WILPERT SR..*



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**Jayne, Johnny and Michelle** - April 04, 2023 at 10:27 PM

MS

“ Mike Colleen Szarek lit a candle in memory of  
FRANK WILPERT



Mike and Colleen Szarek - April 04, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
FRANK P. WILPERT SR..



April 04, 2023 at 05:29 PM

ME

“ I am so sorry to hear this news today. I have such fond memories of  
all of you from growing up. Very saddened by the news of Frank's  
passing. My thoughts are with you. Love always  
Melissa Burdge.

melissa - April 04, 2023 at 01:06 PM

MW

“ Michelle John Wilpert lit a candle in memory  
of FRANK WILPERT



Michelle and John Wilpert - April 04, 2023 at 12:07 PM

DM

“ Geri, Krista & Frank,  
It is remarkable all the health challenges that Frank faced that he rallied each and every time. I am sure he is finally outta pain.  
The time and dedication he gave to his job, his commitments, his family and friends will long be remembered. A well respected man, and so deserved.  
I so enjoyed his opinions and humor.  
Prayers for those special happy times you all shared to carry you through these sad days. 🙏  
Debi

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**Debi Merz-Bennett** - April 04, 2023 at 09:42 AM

BG

“ Bill Gregory lit a candle in memory of FRANK WILPERT



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**Bill Gregory** - April 03, 2023 at 09:10 PM

KV

“ My heart is breaking for you. Wishing all the peace and comfort possible.



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**Karen Vrabel** - April 03, 2023 at 08:44 PM

AP

“ amy pierce lit a candle in memory of FRANK WILPERT



amy pierce - April 03, 2023 at 08:29 PM

MG

“ Margaret Gregory lit a candle in memory of FRANK WILPERT



Margaret Gregory - April 03, 2023 at 06:18 PM

LS

“ Frank is like family to us. Shared Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and many birthday parties with him and Gerri. Always made me feel welcome and loved anytime I was around him. My deepest condolences to Gerri, Krista, Frank and all of his family. He will always be remembered by his Ohio Stechsulte Family and will truly be missed. Lots of love and hugs to you guys...he was and still is the best.

Leslie Stechsulte - April 03, 2023 at 04:21 PM

MM

“ A loss like this is heartbreaking! I will always remember Frank fondly and with a smile. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Michelle Masser - April 03, 2023 at 01:50 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Masser lit a candle in memory of  
FRANK WILPERT*



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**Michelle Masser** - April 03, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MM

“ *Marie Jim Manzi lit a candle in memory of  
FRANK WILPERT*



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**Marie & Jim Manzi** - April 03, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JW

“ *Jayne Wilpert lit a candle in memory of  
FRANK WILPERT*



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**Jayne E. Wilpert** - April 03, 2023 at 01:37 AM