



## ROBERT W. WELLS

July 30, 1933 - February 13, 2022

### VISITATION:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

1PM TO 4PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

### FUNERAL SERVICE:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

11AM

OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

342 OAK RIDGE ROAD

OAK RIDGE, NJ 07435

### INTERMENT:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

FOLLOWING FUNERAL SERVICE

OAK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

BEHIND THE CHURCH

Robert William Wells, of Wayne NJ, previously of Butler NJ, Seminole FL and Oak Ridge NJ, has joined the heavenly choir. He died peacefully at home from complications of Parkinson's Disease on Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Born in Bridgeton, NJ on July 30, 1933 to Harold N and Philomela (nee Mc Intyre) Wells, he was raised in a farm setting in Millville, NJ during the depths of the Great Depression. Bob learned to be resourceful, bartering milk or produce for other needed items. He also learned to work hard, earning 10 cents a row to harvest beans as a child.

Bob had an aptitude for engineering, a career he enjoyed for more than 40 years. He started his career as a submarine antenna specialist at International Telephone & Telegraph. He then spent many years with Merrimac Industries. Bob also took a college music appreciation course one semester, which inspired a lifelong love of classical music.

Bob was a faithful servant in the life of many churches. His wide-ranging voice graced many choirs. At Plainfield Presbyterian Church, he met his future wife, Lois Hartvigsen, while they taught the same Sunday School grade. They were married on January 10, 1959.

Bob was an avid gardener. Many friends and neighbors received gifts of tomatoes, green beans and irises from his gardens. Bob had a keen sense of humor and a playful heart, preferring to portray the sillier side of the Three Wise Men and to body-sled when his Flexible Flyer stopped abruptly mid-run. He was a master of the “blue sky bid” in bridge.

Bob was a wise and patient parent – equally able to calmly coax an inquisitive pre-schooler off the roof and down a ladder or to teach Calculus to a frustrated high-schooler.

Bob and Lois enjoyed traveling, especially in retirement. They explored many destinations in the US and around the world. Bob and Lois were lifelong learners, participating in the Kinnelon Library CLL for many years. They also taught bridge to middle-school students.

Bob was predeceased by his parents and his cousin Doris Hughes.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Lois; his children: Lawrence Wells, of Rochester NY, David Wells and his wife Anna, of Tinton Falls, NJ, and Elizabeth Borchert and her husband Dale of Poughkeepsie, NY; his grandchildren: Katherine and Thomas Borchert; his brother Harold N. Wells of Lake Forest, IL, his cousin Jean Futer, of Bridgeton, NJ and several nieces and nephews.

Bob lived a wonderful life. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Matt. 25:23

The family will receive visitors on Friday Feb 18, 2022 from 1pm to 4pm at Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

A service of remembrance will take place on Saturday, Feb 19, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church, 342 Oak Ridge Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Robert's name to: Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church, PO Box 302, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Log onto [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com) tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos or videos, as well as driving directions to the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 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 Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church  
342 Oak Ridge Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

## Interment

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Oak Ridge Presbyterian Cemetery  
Oak Ridge Road  
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Stephane R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of ROBERT W. WELLS.*



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**Stephane R.** - February 18, 2022 at 07:19 AM

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“ *Stephane Riviere sent a virtual gift in memory of ROBERT W. WELLS*



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**Stephane Riviere** - February 18, 2022 at 07:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of ROBERT W. WELLS.*



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February 17, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of ROBERT W. WELLS.*



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February 16, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *The memories between my cousin Bobby could go on for pages. He was a bit older than me but we were fantastic playmates. To get out of work was our main goal. When being hunted by my father, Bill Wells, a hiding place was the best. Bobby and I would hide in the hay pile, going in head first, until all danger has passed. We could have smothered. We were young then enjoying life and each other. My heart is cracked at his passing but we'll see each other again in Heaven. - Cousin Jean -*

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**Jean Wells Futer** - February 15, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of ROBERT W. WELLS.*



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February 15, 2022 at 09:32 AM