



## Thomas F Wilber

December 5, 2018

Thomas F. Wilber, formerly of Endwell, NY, passed away Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Preceding him in death were his parents, Donald J. and Josephine Wilber and a sister, Janet Tanenhaus. He is survived by a loving wife, Patricia of 60 years; a son, and daughter in law, Jay and Denise Wilber of Endwell, NY and a daughter and son in law, Lisa and Mark Hewel of Princeton, NJ. He had three grandchildren whom he loved and adored Evan Hewel, Abby Hewel and Jeremy Wilber.

He attended Johnson City schools and graduated from the Manlius School and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation he worked for Singer-Link. He eventually took ownership of the family business and operated Wilber's Jewelers for 32 years until his retirement in 1992. He also owned Wilco Plastics & Engraving for many years and enjoyed meeting many of his customers who became his friends. He liked to hunt, fish and play golf.. He belonged to The Binghamton Country Club, Sons of Italy Lodge and the Vestal Elks. He was a member of the Johnson City Jaycees where he became president, a state officer and eventually being elected a JCI senator #11502. He was also a local board member on the state board of Governors for the Association of Retarded Citizens. He cherished his many friendships from these associations and especially from his hunting and golfing buddies. His hope was to always be remembered as a good friend and a loving father and grandfather.

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Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Pat, i just saw that Tom passed. I am so sorry. My best memory of him is when we all were vacationing in St Croix together for an Easter break. He was pulling off Aloe leaves from plants to help my cousin's sunburn. He had such a good heart and made us laugh so much. I think of you often and our great teaching days at Harry L. Miss you sweet friend. Sending my love. Lisa France

Lisa France - September 07 at 08:01 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. From 1978 to 1980 I worked at Wilber's Jewelers, and to this day, I cherish the memories of working for Tom. I learned so much more from Tom then engraving, repair and watch batteries! He became a surrogate father, as my move to NY took me far away from my family. His kindness, his sense of humor, his compassion helped me become the person I am today. The world truly is a better place for having had Tom in it. Nancy Knurek Connelly Bagley, Naperville, Il

Nancy Bagly - March 16 at 01:54 PM

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“ Tommy was a wonderful friend of my father's and will always hold a special place in the Coughlin family's heart. From him giving me my first diamond ring to coming in and giving me a big smooch as I was in Patty's 2nd grade class, he always brought a smile! My sincere condolences to you all.

Barb Tasber - December 10, 2018 at 06:54 PM

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“ What a tremendous loss-Mr. Wilber's big personality will surely be missed! Over 50 years ago, as a 5 year old, Mr. Wilber welcomed me into his family. I spent much time over the years in his home where he provided me comfort, direction, and love, much love...and food, of course, because he loved cooking, especially breakfast before school (pushing the limits on our timeliness). He extended that love throughout the years and never failed to tell me how much he loved me. He had a positive impact on others and I hope that brings you all peace.

René Layton-Carroll - December 08, 2018 at 09:03 AM

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“ I WILL MISS MAKING YOU STUFFED CABBAGE. LOVE YOU GERI AND JOE

**geraldine ascher** - December 07, 2018 at 08:15 AM

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“ Very sorry for your loss.

**Pamela Millus-Bobinis** - December 06, 2018 at 10:02 PM