



George F. Wildeman Jr.

January 2, 1932 - December 5, 2022

George F. Wildeman Jr., age 90, of Mentor, passed away Monday, December 5, 2022.

George was born in Spangler, Pennsylvania on January 2nd, 1932, the son of the late George F. Wildeman and the late Nora Horan. He was the youngest of five siblings.

Following his high school years, George graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He later achieved a Master's Degree in Polymer Chemistry from Akron University following his service in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1957.

In 1958, he met the love of his life, Mary, on a blind date. The pair married in 1960, and spent nearly 63 years together. George and Mary attended many classical music concerts in Cleveland, and they lived and died by the outcomes of Indians baseball games. They shared a love of travel, bridge, talking politics, reading their daily hard copy of the New York Times, and most of all, each other.

George began his professional career working for GoodYear Tire and Rubber in Akron in 1957 and spent the ensuing 40 years of his career in Technical Service and Management roles for several plastics technology companies in

Northeast Ohio. During the early 1960s, George and Mary welcomed their three children into the world: Vickie, George and Chuck. He treasured every member of his family beyond measure and took pride in each of their accomplishments. Several of his children also pursued technical and engineering fields, leading to years of cheerful banter and debate as to which of their specialties was “best.” No unanimous decision was reached. His love of Penn State Nittany Lions football was unbreakable, and the annual Penn State vs. Ohio State football game was always a big family event.

George could recite the poems of Robert Frost and T.S. Eliot by heart, and loved tending to his garden for decades. He was also adept at working the Times crossword, Sudoku puzzles, and most recently, Wordle. George’s knack for storytelling could captivate any audience, especially the crowd around his dinner table. His family enjoyed hearing their favorites of his tales, from his adventures running into bears and moose in the wilds of Alaska, and his humorously recounted stories from his extensive business travels to Iran, Sudan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

George is survived by his wife of 62 years: Mary (Brunson) Wildeman; children: Vickie Wildeman, George F. (Kimberly Jo) Wildeman, and Chuck (Angela) Wildeman; grandchildren: Erin (Jack) Wildeman Balcarcel, Kelcie Wildeman, Mary Katherine (Fiance: Andy Brown) Wildeman, and George F. Wildeman IV; brother-in-law Jim (Diane) Brunson; and niece Julie (John) Fleming; as well as many grandnieces and nephews.

Preceding George in death are his parents: George F. and Nora Wildeman; his five siblings, and niece Kathleen (Joseph) Campbell.

The family requests that there will be no calling hours.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 17th at St.

Noel Church, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.

The family suggests a donation be made to the St. Noel Church, C/O: Social Justice Food Pantry, in Memory of George Wildeman, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.

We are blessed to call him Husband, Dad, Uncle and Grandpa.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060.

Offer Condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Noel Catholic Church
35200 Chardon Rd
Willoughby, OH 44094

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Our Sympathies to Mary and the Wildeman Children as we remember living in our Family home in Mentor. Rich and happy memories with you all in the neighborhood!

Karri & Tom Wood - January 01, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of George F. Wildeman Jr..



December 21, 2022 at 11:32 AM

AW

“ We share many memories - West Virginia white water rafting, succumbing to Stratford's Shakespeare, philosophical debates seasoned by George's unflappable sense of humor. A true "best" friend.

Al Weber - December 13, 2022 at 01:21 PM

GW

Al - thanks for the warm message and Memories. He loved you like a brother and related many stories of your times together. - George

george wildeman - December 17, 2022 at 06:07 PM

PZ

“ My sincere condolences George, to you and your siblings and family. I remember your dad when your family used to come in to my mom and dad’s store when we were young. He was always such a nice man. Thinking of all of you.

Patricia Zappitelli - December 12, 2022 at 10:10 PM

GW

Thank you Patty. Appreciate the warm message for Dad. - George

george wildeman - December 17, 2022 at 06:05 PM

KV

“ His son George has shared often about the positive, upbeat spirit his father embodied with us folks down in North Carolina. Our deepest condolences to all who miss him. With love, Greg Hames and Kathy Violette

Kathy Violette - December 12, 2022 at 11:20 AM

JR

“ Such a lovely tribute to a wonderful man - thank you for sharing his life on this site. We will miss seeing him walk in the neighborhood.
Jan & Ron

janet reed - December 08, 2022 at 03:23 PM

WW

“ One of the best things about our neighborhood is living next door to George & Mary, both kind, humble, open-minded and open-hearted. It made the day brighter to greet them on their walks because they were always smiling and always had something positive to say. George was a sweet, gentle man and will be truly missed. The world has lost one of it's best, but we see George in Vickie. We hope your memories bring your family peace.

Sincerely, Dave, Wendy, Ben (and Brutus.)

Wendy Whidden - December 08, 2022 at 03:22 PM