



Robert W. Wire

February 1, 1944 - April 18, 2024

Robert William Wire, age 80, left his earthly life on April 18, 2024, at home, surrounded by his loving family. Bob leaves behind his beloved spouse of nearly 52 years, Joyce Kemple Wire, and their daughter, Elisabeth, who was the apple of his eye. In addition, he is survived by his brothers, Michael Wire of Carmel and Patrick (Sara) Wire of Indianapolis, step-sister Lydia (Don) Bogemann of Greenfield, cousin Loren (Liz) Wire of Columbus, brothers-in-law Michael (Rita) Kemple of Shelbyville and Joseph and Richard (Noreen) Kemple of Rush County, and many nieces and nephews. His feline family, Miss Bossy, Pluto, Jupiter, and Bear, are also missing him.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 1, 1944 to Robert S. Wire and Aileen Weaver Wire, Bob moved to Indianapolis as a child. He spent his early life assisting his father with building and tuning pianos. He graduated from Emmerich Manual High School in 1962 and as a lifelong learner, went on to attend Indiana University, IUPUI Columbus, and Ivy Tech. Bob enjoyed traveling for work, and was able to spend time in Mexico, the U.K. and Germany before retiring in 2010 as a dimensional metrologist after 46 years with Cummins Engine Company.

Bob was a talented musician, both as a singer and in his early years, a trombonist. He played many live shows and even recorded at Chess Records in Chicago. He was also a gifted photographer and an avid reader. He had a never-ending thirst for knowledge and especially enjoyed learning about astronomy and other sciences.

Bob enjoyed tennis, racquetball, skateboarding, and sailing in his earlier years and played competitive volleyball well into his 60s. He enjoyed hiking and spending time in nature, but his great love was bicycling. He rode every day that the weather allowed (and some days when it didn't) and competed in the Hope Ride for many years as well as the Hilly Hundred.

Bob had a great love of children, and was a hands-on father. He volunteered with Big Brothers and later led his daughter's Girl Scout troop (#276), placing an emphasis on teaching them a love of sports, adventure, science, and the arts. Generations of children affectionately knew him as Ranger Bob or Uncle Bob.

Even while enduring Alzheimer's, he never lost his sense of humor that endeared him to his family, friends, and caregivers from Griswold Home Care and Our Hospice.

Purple was Bob's favorite color and is (fittingly) the color for Alzheimer's. If you would like, wear a touch of purple to the funeral.

Visitation will be at Moster Mortuary, 334 N. Main Street, Rushville, Indiana on Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 - 11 am, followed by a celebration of life at 11 am. Burial will be at Arlington East Hill Cemetery, Arlington, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana, 2626 17th Street

Columbus, IN 47201 or The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 N. Main
Rushville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Robert W. Wire*



Moster Mortuary - April 27, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AH

“ *April H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Wire.*

April H. - April 28, 2024 at 11:35 AM

KS

“ *Karen S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Wire.*

Karen S. - April 26, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert W. Wire.*



April 26, 2024 at 11:18 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Wessel purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert W. Wire.



Cheryl Wessel - April 25, 2024 at 12:57 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Wessel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Wire.

Cheryl Wessel - April 25, 2024 at 12:57 PM

AF

“ ACT Research Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Robert W. Wire.



ACT Research Family - April 24, 2024 at 09:17 AM

AF

“ ACT Research Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Wire.

ACT Research Family - April 24, 2024 at 09:17 AM

KR

“ Sorry that was supposed to be Joyce

Ken Ritzline - April 24, 2024 at 06:10 AM

KR

“ *Choice and Elisabeth, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Bob and I wearing the peekaboo pants in kismet, he was such a character. I also remember attending a party at your house and we did the Kenmore. Ken*

Ken Ritzline - April 24, 2024 at 06:09 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert W. Wire.*



April 23, 2024 at 04:00 AM

BC

“ *Bob, Dori, Leslee and Kayci Clapp purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert W. Wire.*



Bob, Dori, Leslee and Kayci Clapp - April 22, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert W. Wire.*



April 22, 2024 at 09:24 AM

TG

“ The Guyer's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Wire.

The Guyer's - April 22, 2024 at 09:24 AM

AF

“ Amy & Jeff Trautvetter & Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Robert W. Wire.



Amy & Jeff Trautvetter & Family - April 22, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert W. Wire.



April 21, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DA

“ David and Rosario Atkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Wire.

David and Rosario Atkins - April 21, 2024 at 03:00 PM