



Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson

October 3, 1953 - April 25, 2025

Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson, of Pittsfield, passed away on Friday April 25, 2025 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on October 3, 1953, he was the son of the late George and Ann Pigott Wilkinson. He graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1971.

Wilkie was the long-time owner of O'Laughlin's Restaurant on Merrill Road in Pittsfield. After selling the business in the early 2000s he went on to have another successful venture, establishing Wilkie's Catering shortly after and he was the longtime Executive Chef at Berkshire Hills Country Club and finished his career in the same role at Wahconah Country Club in 2022.

Among many things, he enjoyed social gatherings of all kinds and rooted for all Boston sports teams, and he especially loved the New England Patriots. His frequent vacation trips to Aruba with his wife and other family members were the highlights of his years and he visited the happy island countless times since the 1990's

Wilkie is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 49 years, the former Elizabeth "Beth" Putnam, whom he married June 6, 1976. He leaves behind his three children Matthew Wilkinson (Lisa), Molly Wilkinson (Gary Reinhold) Marc, as well as his three grandsons Brady, Ethan and Parker, all of whom will miss him terribly. In addition, Wilkie is survived by his sisters, Mary Wilkinson,

Annie Murray (Joseph), and Colleen Bergdoll (Chris).

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by all three of his brothers, Jack, Mike and "Gig" who he now joins in heaven, and there is no doubt they are having a great time together again.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson will be Friday May 2, 2025, from 3-6PM at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, MA, 220 East St, Pittsfield MA 01201. A reception will immediately follow at Berkshire Hills Country Club on Benedict Road at 6PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Autism Speaks in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield
220 East St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 445-4064
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 6:00 PM (ET)

Berkshire Hills Country Club
500 Benedict Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Beth. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Wilkie. It's been many years since I have seen either of you, but I have many fond memories of Berkshire Hills days. Please accept my sincere condolences to you and your family. May he rest in peace. Fondly, Sarah (Sally) Mawhinney



sarah Mawhinney - May 09, 2025 at 01:09 PM

DD

“ Beth, Mary, Anne, Colleen and the entire Wilkie Family,

I cherish all my memories of growing up next door to all the Wilkinsons on Glenwood Avenue. Wilkie was a kind and generous man who was always ready to lend a helping hand.
Such a huge loss, I hope your memories carry you all though this very sad time.
We had planned on being with you all to celebrate his life tonight, but sadly Mary had surgery as she has been battling bladder cancer.
My heart is broken once again as we say goodbye to yet another family member of the Wonderful Wilkinson Family.
Our prayers and Love are with you all.

Diane Gadson (DaSilva) Mary and Joe DaSilva Jr

DIANE GADSON DASILVA - May 02, 2025 at 08:08 PM

CY

“ CIBC New York purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



CIBC New York - May 02, 2025 at 11:38 AM

NX

“ Neil, Scott, Xavier purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



Neil, Scott, Xavier - May 01, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.

April 30, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



April 30, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.*



April 30, 2025 at 10:49 AM



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“ 105 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - April 30, 2025 at 07:34 AM

TM

“ Dear Beth, Mary, Annie, and Colleen - what a life he lived. Spent many hours with him and Bobby - probably too many. One of my great memories was the O's field trip to Atlantic City where Wilkie wore this gaudy, fake gold necklace and led the bus in singing Rick Astley's song, Never Gonna Give You Up. The necklace was so cheap, it stained his chest. Just one of many good times!

Tom Mawhinney - April 29, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



April 29, 2025 at 01:33 PM

SP

“ so sorry for such a great loss.. R.I.P. Wilkie..
Steve & Jodi St Peter



Steve St Peter - April 27, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SP

“ Fifty years of great times!! R.I.P. my friend.. Steve St Peter

Steve St Peter - April 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM

JL

“ JOHN LAROCHELLE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.

JOHN LAROCHELLE - April 27, 2025 at 01:01 PM

JL

“ JOHN LAROCHELLE purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



JOHN LAROCHELLE - April 27, 2025 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ The Knottingwood Fade families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



The Knottingwood Fade families - April 27, 2025 at 12:47 PM

ST

“ Dear Beth and all of your family! How sad we are to learn of Wilkie's passing. Please know that we are thinking of all of you and most of all...all the great times we shared throughout the years, a Pop's, at the restaurant and the Hills. Peace to all. Love, Sheila...and Michael.

Sheila Toomey - April 26, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DW

“ Molly, Parker and family, I'm so sorry to read about your loss. Sounded like a real special man. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Donna and Ken Walz

Donna Walz - April 26, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.

April 26, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Wilkie" Wilkinson.



April 26, 2025 at 12:29 PM