



Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr.

March 17, 1956 - November 10, 2023

-Born on March 17, 1956, Bobby went to be with our Lord on November 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father, LTG. Robert L. Wetzel, SR. and his mother, Margaret Ruth Burkholder. Growing up in a military family he lived all over until they settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he was the president of his senior class and graduated from Carlisle High School class of '74. He then graduated with a degree in chemical engineering from Penn State University and pursued a successful career, ultimately traveling the world as Head of Global Engineering for Syngenta Corporation. Taking an early retirement, he settled on Dauphin Island where he met his wife Donna. After 8 years of retirement he returned to work as Lead Process Engineer and mentored younger engineers at Hargrove Engineering. Bobby loved spending his days watching the sunsets on the water, cooking and listening to his favorite music on his front porch with family and friends. He loved the ocean and sailing, was an avid reader, and talented visual artist. He is survived by his wife, Donna Goff Wetzel; his children, Jessica (Robert) Staschak of Devon, PA, Joshua Wetzel of Princeton, NJ, Marla (Jason) Billante, Clint (Taylor) Mills and Cody (Christina) Mills all of Dauphin Island, AL; his sister, Margaret Wetzel Maxson of Marblehead, MA; ten grandchildren- Abby, Kennedy, Austin, Greg, Garner, Sadie, Ethan, Caroline, Aurelia and Kenna; several nieces and nephews as well as other family and friends. Bobby will be dearly missed by all who loved and knew him. Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Phillips Catholic Church in Theodore, Alabama on Friday, November 17,

2023 at 11:00am. Family will receive friends and family from 10-11am in the parish hall. Our family would like to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude to Ralph Hargrove and his flight team with Hargrove Engineering for their kindness throughout Bobby's battle with cancer; we couldn't be more thankful.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church
9101 Dauphin Island Pkwy
Theodore, AL 36582
(251) 973-2096

Mass

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

St Phillips Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

SS

“ It so heart breaking to see this news. I have been trying to reach Bob, calling his cell phone multiple times. Bob was more like a local dad and a great mentor to me !! RIP - Suresh Subramanian

Suresh Subramanian - March 11, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..



November 18, 2023 at 12:25 PM

CW

“ Bob was a kind soul with a gentle spirit. He will be kindly thought of and greatly missed by those who knew him. Heartfelt condolences to his family and close friends. Smooth sailing Bob.

Carolyn Wood - November 17, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..



November 16, 2023 at 03:08 PM

MP

“ Bob was one of the most compassionate and caring leaders I have ever had the honor to work alongside. He always had a way of connecting so effortlessly with anyone he met and made you feel as if you were long-time friends after just one meeting. He will greatly be missed and we will always remember him as a core part of the Hargrove spirit and culture.

-Mary Perkins, Hargrove Teammate, Mobile, AL

Mary Perkins - November 16, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MB

“ Bob was a great and good friend, a wonderful boss and a trustworthy colleague. He will be missed by all of us with the privilege to know and work with him.

Michael Bacon - November 16, 2023 at 08:35 AM

JW

“ Sad news - Bob was soft spoken, interesting, thoughtful, caring guy. Bob was very bright on broad range of topics and very deep thinking / 1st principal - awesome engineering leader. I feel very lucky to have known & been mentored by Bob Wetzel. I extend my deepest sympathy to Bob's Family. Rest in Peace my coworker & friend.

John Welsh - November 16, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..



November 15, 2023 at 04:09 PM

PE

“ Patricia E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..

Patricia E. - November 15, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..



November 15, 2023 at 03:22 PM

LT

“ LYNN AND ELLEN TURNER purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..



LYNN AND ELLEN TURNER - November 15, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..



November 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM

TT

“ The Hargrove Flight Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis Wetzel Jr..

The Hargrove Flight Team - November 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM

KS

“ Sending our deepest condolence and prayers Donna

Karen & JJ Sprinkle - November 15, 2023 at 08:13 AM

AB

“ Praying for your family Marla .. I remember you always would talk about him ❤️ Rest In Peace Mr Bobby

Love you Marla

Amanda Breland - November 14, 2023 at 06:30 PM

MB

Thank you Panda, it means so much to me ❤️❤️

Marla Billante - November 15, 2023 at 10:40 PM