



## Robert F. Wippel Jr.

January 7, 2025

Robert F. Wippel, Jr., 75, of Allentown, passed away on January 7, 2025 at Complete Care at Lehigh, Macungie. Robert was the owner of Bobby & the Floor Sanders for many years until passing his business to his son Rob. Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Robert F. Wippel, Sr. and the late Faye (Knauss) Wippel. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

Survivors: Daughters: Stephanie L. Wippel of Philadelphia, and Denise M. Wippel of Wichita, KS, Son: Robert F. Wippel, III and his wife Christina Giungo of Chalfont, Brothers: Francis P. Wippel and his wife Judith of Breinigsville and Stephen S. Wippel and his wife Brenda of Alburtis, Sisters: Denise M. wife of Ronald Navarre of Northampton and Mary J. wife of Anthony Guzenski of Kutztown, 5 Grandchildren, 2 Great-Grandchildren, nieces and nephews

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 11 A.M. in the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 16th and Hamilton Sts. Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Wednesday, from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the funeral home. Following the service, his interment will take place with Full Military Honors at 2 P.M. at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: Fisher House Foundation, Inc. 12300 Twinbrook Pkwy, Suite 410 Rockville, MD 20852.



# Cemetery Details

## Washington Crossing National Cemetery

830 Highland Road  
Newtown, PA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 433-5161  
info@jsburkholder.com  
<https://jsburkholder.com>

## Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Washington Crossing National Cemetery  
830 Highland Road  
Newtown, PA

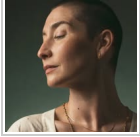
# Tribute Wall

RN

“ Bobby Wippel was a true friend in every sense of the word. I lived on Chew St and Bobby lived on Madison and if you went out the back door of my house and went up the alley you would be at Bobby's house. That alley hosted many baseball games. The only problem was you had to hit the ball straight or it would be in your neighbor's yard and not all of them were thrilled with us retrieving our ball. We went to junior high and high school together. We would all meet at Jim Jackson's before heading to Central Junior High school and we would meet at my house when we went to Wm Allen High School. We all loved playing sports together. I remember the Salvation Army didn't have a team one year and we all became their team. They still had the old wool uniforms, but we went out in the knee-high league and did well. I pitched some and Bobby was my catcher. Bobby went on to excel in many sports, especially football and wrestling. He didn't know how big he really was. He would play football in the defensive line as a lightweight or wrestle at heavyweight. He would take on the big guys and hold his own. He and I would encounter each other at times and come to blows. Bobby would always win, but if I was ever in trouble with someone else he was always there to back me up. The Bible says it best. Prov. 18:24 - A man that hath friends must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. We went our separate ways. Both of us ended up in Vietnam where Bobby was a friend to others, earning two purple hearts and the bronze star saving two of his fellow soldiers. After the military, I came back to town and was in pretty rough shape doing drugs and it was Bobby and another friend who took me to church to get help. I was able to turn my life around and come to know Jesus as my Savior. Our paths did not cross much in the later years, but I knew if I ever came back to town, I likely could find Bobby sitting at the counter of HamFam Diner on Hamilton street. Bobby was a good man.

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Raymond Nenow - January 19, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *My deepest love for all of you. You are in my thoughts <3*

Erica Hope - January 15, 2025 at 08:38 PM

BG

“ *Barbara G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Wippel Jr..*

Barbara G. - January 15, 2025 at 01:59 AM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy and Christian love are extended to the entire family at this time of loss. May the peace of the Risen Christ offer comfort and hope in the days ahead.*

Doctor Smith - January 12, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Denise Navarre - January 11, 2025 at 04:34 PM

DN

*This was us before brother Steve and sister Mary were born. Bob is in the middle beside my mom.*

Denise Navarre - January 11, 2025 at 04:35 PM

SM

*Frank and the Whippel family,*

*Sorry for the loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

**Scott Mitchell** - January 12, 2025 at 08:35 AM

DA

*Rest In Peace Bob . Prayers with your Family.*

*many years ago, You brought me to know the Lord . WMCA early 70's.  
weight Room.long ago*

**David Ambrose** - January 12, 2025 at 01:57 PM

TA

*My deepest condolences to his family. Many great memories of Bobby.  
Oh how he could make anyone laugh!! Such a kind heart. He will  
always be remembered so very fondly. My favorite is my birthday  
dinner at Texas Roadhouse and the bike breaking down in the parking  
lot. He joked with me saying that "No one else knows how to treat a  
lady on her birthday...what a great present to be escorted home by a  
tow truck driver!" It really was the best birthday ever!!! Your in Jesus's  
arms, now Bobby and you'll be remembered with love.*

**Tara Aleski** - January 13, 2025 at 07:30 PM

NS

“ *Nicole Schultice purchased the Simply Elegant S  
pathiphyllum for the family of Robert F. Wippel Jr..*



**Nicole Schultice** - January 09, 2025 at 05:50 PM

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“ *Nicole Schultice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert F. Wippel  
Jr..*

**Nicole Schultice** - January 09, 2025 at 05:50 PM