



Robert Wetzel

December 7, 1946 - October 21, 2012

Robert E. "Bob" Wetzel of Zanesville died peacefully at the Morrison House following a brave and courageous two year battle with cancer. Bob was born December 7, 1946 in Zanesville to the late Floyd 'Buzz' Wetzel and Bonnie M. Wetzel. He was a 1966 graduate of Bishop Rosecrans High School. Bob retired from Anchor Glass Container in December 2009 following 42 years of service. He also owned and operated Wetzel Glass from 1974 to 1988 making press ware and hand paperweights. As a hobby, Bob was a fabricator who often worked with metal, wood and glass. He was also a very talented and gifted artist working freely in many mediums. Bob was active in the Zanesville art community. Bob was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Vicki Smith Wetzel whom he married August 10, 1968; his mother Bonnie M. Wetzel; three daughters: Amy (Frank) Moore of Zanesville, Pamela (Lou) Groen of Clarksville, Ohio and Patricia (Bryce) Schumm of Wilmington, Ohio; two brothers, John (Cathy) Wetzel and Bill (Ginny) Wetzel both of Zanesville; one brother-in-law Mark Smith of Newark; six grandchildren Anthony, Dominic, and Ava Moore, Madeline Groen, Ian and Elaine Schumm; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Floyd 'Buzz' Wetzel; one brother, Joseph Arnold Wetzel; mother and father-in-laws, Marguerite & Lloyd Smith and a sister-in-law: Sheri Smith.

Friends and family may call from 2:00 - 4:00 pm or 6:00 - 8:00 pm Thursday, October 25, 2012 at The Hillis Hardwick Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 am, Friday, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North Fifth Street with Fr. Jordan Turano, OP as celebrant. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bishop Rosecrans High School, 1040 East Main Street, Zanesville and/or Bishop Fenwick School, 1040 East Main Street Zanesville, Ohio 43701 in Bob's memory. To leave a personal not of condolence please visit the link at the top of this page

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Wetzel*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *In memory of Bob Wetzel.*



therese fussinger - October 21, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ *Vicki So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed the brief time I had to get acquainted with both of you.*

Don King - November 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Vickie & family...after reading all the the entries in Bob's Guest Book, it is clear how much he was meant to so many people. Although I have been out of touch for quite a few years, I will always remember what a kind and caring man that he was. Whenever anyone mentioned his name, something positive would follow...in the art community, with the men he worked with at the mould shop, at St. Thomas or among his closest friends, his wonderful reputation preceeded him. He was definately one of GOOD GUYS! My sincere sympathy to all, especially Vickie. A friend from the past....Barb Gillespie*

Barbara Gillespie - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So very sorry about Bob. We sure had fun times with Bob and Vicki.
Bill and Debbie Howard

Deborah Howard - October 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ we are so sorry for your loss-treasure your memories-may GOD'S
peace be with you-larry and susan wade

larry wade - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Bob is with God now and we will all see him again some day. We
love you Bob and Vicki. You are in our thoughts and prayers.Dan &
Penny Sims

Dan - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Vicki,I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with
you and your family to comfort you at this time. Crystal

Crystal Jones - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Bob could always be counted on for his support, and there is no one whose judgement and opinion I valued more. No matter what he had going on, he always took the time to "check in", when I needed it most. I valued those times of sharing thoughts more than he knew. We just understood each other. When working on a "project" together our ideas went hand and hand, always seeming to know right where the other was going. Those are times I will never forget. A little bit of Bob will always be with me when I am working in the garage, where we had some of our best times. I am truly lucky to have had such a great friend, although our relationship felt more like family. His thoughts helped me through times both good and bad. These are things I will be able to keep with me and fondly look back on forever.

Dick Smith - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Bob he was such a great man.I used to spend alot of time at the Wetzel house growing up.Thoughts go out to all of them.

Melissa Tague Lovejoy - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Vicki and Family,Sorry for your loss. May God be with you through this difficult time.

Tom Armbrust - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ To the Wetzel Family:My sincere thoughts on the passing of Bob. May you all be Blessed in prayer to get you through this time, sharing with each other the wonderful memories of his life.

Steve Durant - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Bill and Wetzel family: Pat and I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to each of you on the passing of Bob (he was in my brother Mike's class of 66). May your fond memories and Our Lord's comfort help you during this difficult time. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Pat,MaryJo(Ferguson)Lyon and family*

Mary Jo - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *To the Wetzel Family, My thoughts and prayers are with your family! Amy, I know how hard it is for a daughter to lose her "daddy", if you need me I'm here!*

Karen Gildow - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Vicki sorry for your loss.Bob was a great guy and have fond memories of him in our school years. You have our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Mike and Sharon Ferguson*

Mike and Sharon Ferguson - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Vickie...So sorry for your loss and please know my thoughts and prayers are with you*

Suzie Jackson - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *Mrs. Wetzel, Amy, and family:Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Mike - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *The world has lost an amazing and wonderful man. John and I send our love and sympathies to your family. We will celebrate the gifts of love and great sense of humor he shared with everyone he knew.*

John and Katherine Schumm - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Vicki and family, So sorry for your loss. May God be with you through this difficult time.*

Patty Kittle - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Vicki- so sorry for your loss... saying a prayer for you and your family.*

Mary - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Cheryl - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Dear Vicki, Bonnie and Family...I'm sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was an inspiring individual who will be missed. Praying for your family.*

Dick Pryor - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Rest in peace my friend, catch you on the next lap.*

Phil Harper - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Will always be in ours thoughts, will love and miss you...John and Kathy

October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Amy, Frank, Anthony, Dominic, Ava and Family-Keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers, with most sincere sympathy. Love and prayers

Brian - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family. God Bless you all. Love you

Paula Barnett - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob will be missed yet his legacy of being kind, caring and passionate about his family, friends, his ventures and art, will prevail in positive ways...His inspiration as an artist to the fellow artists at Gallery G and the children in art camps will be treasured. We are all so sad to lose him. Bob Grayson Gallery G Zanesville

October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Every Sunday at church we prayed for Bob. Don from Bethel church always had kind words of Bob. Keep his memories alive God Bless

Katie Goddard - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I love you and miss you dearly... Amy

amy moore - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Wetzel and Patty, Very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chad Shawger - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

Therese Fussinger - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Vicki, Amy, Pam and Patty and families- you are all in my thoughts and prayers!

Angie Hall - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Mrs. Wetzel, Amy, Pam and Patty, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Katie Miller Susil - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dearest Cousin Vicki, I am so sorry for your pain and loss. My heart and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Connie Browning - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ To the family of a great man, My daughter Kylee and I are so glad we had the chance to know and spend time with Bob. He was such an inspiration to Kylee. We loved the art he made. He will be truley missed!! Bob was a wonderful man. God bless you all.

Keri Adams - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Mrs. Wetzel, Amy, Pam, Patty & families, So sorry to hear of Mr. Wetzel's passing. So many fond memories of time spent at your house on Musselman when I was younger. He will be missed by many. Take care - you will be in my prayers now and in the days ahead.

Diane Hoffer - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Im so sorry for your lose.

Slade Bucci - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Wetzel Family (particularly dear, dear Pam), Our entire family (Don, Teresa, Leslie, Matt, Jon, Jen & Ian) send sincere condolences on the loss of your very good father, husband and grandfather. We haven't lived in Zanesville for many years, but remember your family so fondly and with such respect. Bless each of you as you deal with your tremendous loss. No doubt your grand memories and knowledge of his goodness will bring you comfort in the days to come. Hugs, Teresa & Don Merz

Teresa Merz - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Vicky and family--please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Paul and Lori Knight*

October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM