



## John Michael Wiley

March 12, 1938 - November 24, 2018

John Michael Wiley died peacefully in hospice in the presence of his family on November 24, 2018 after a 4 year battle with prostate cancer. John was born on March 12, 1938 in Toledo, Ohio, the middle son of Judge Frank and Elizabeth Wiley and graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1956 and is a member of its athletic Hall of Fame. John met his wife of 54 years, Val, at The University of Michigan where he earned both a B.S. and D.D.S. There John played 1 year of basketball and 4 years of tennis finishing runner-up in Big Ten singles his senior year and winning the Big Ten Championship in doubles his junior and senior years. John continued to compete athletically winning the City of Toledo Tennis Singles Championship twice and the Doubles Championship once. He also loved playing squash and was able to win the city singles championship 6 consecutive years. He also played 1 year on an All-Ohio team that competed in a national tournament at Princeton University. John proudly served as a Captain in the U.S. Army, First Infantry Division, both in Fort Riley, Kansas and in Viet Nam supporting 4,000 infantry troops. Professionally, John practiced dentistry in Toledo for 47 years. John was a member of the Toledo Dental Society, the Dental Society of Ohio, and the American Dental Association. John also contributed to the community as a member of the Rotary Club of Toledo and American Legion Vernon McCune Post as well as serving as a past board member of The Toledo Tennis Club, The Toledo Club, and Inverness Club. John had a love of fishing, golf, gardening, bird watching and a respect for nature expressed in part by placing

with friends over sixty wood duck nesting boxes throughout N.W. Ohio. John loved supporting his family and in later years especially enjoyed encouraging his grandchildren in various sporting and community endeavors.

John is survived by his wife, Val, and three children, Anne Wiley, Joy Kight (Dan), and Jim Wiley (Amy), three grandchildren, Catherine, John, and Walker Kight, and brother Robert (Donna) Wiley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Judge Frank and Elizabeth Wiley and his brother David Wiley.

Friends may visit the family on Sunday, December 2 at St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church (4718 Brittany Rd., Ottawa Hills, OH 43615) from 2 to 3 pm with a memorial service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their support are asked to contribute to St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church, the Juvenile Diabetes Society (24359 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 125, Southfield, MI 48075; ph: 248-355-1133.), The University of Michigan Athletic Development - Men's Tennis, please note John M. Wiley (1000 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109), or a charity of your choice.

Arrangement have been entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors, 419-472-7633. To send his family online condolences, please visit [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael's in the Hills  
Ottawa Hills, OH 43615

## Service

DEC 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael's in the Hills  
Ottawa Hills, OH 43615

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ *MaryAnn P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Michael Wiley.*



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**MaryAnn P.** - December 03, 2018 at 07:59 PM

JB

“ *A tall, handsome, GENTLE man is how we remember John. He was always so friendly and genuinely interested in others. We were so surprised and saddened when we read of his passing. Our hearts hurt for you, Val, and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Harvey and Judy Bowles*

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**Judy Bowles** - December 03, 2018 at 02:11 PM

BW

“ *John was interesting, interested in others and a great athlete. I hope to be the same throughout life.*

*I enjoyed our Thanksgiving gatherings with talks, playing Paddle and his always positive approach to just about anything. I wish there was more time.*

*Thinking of the whole Wiley family,*

*Brad Walker*

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**Brad Walker** - December 03, 2018 at 08:47 AM

DF

“ Val and family, Elaine and I send you our condolences. John was a wonderful man-someone to look up to. I met John in 1954 when I transferred to DeVilbiss. He was a terrific athlete and a leader as well as a really good person. Those attributes lasted his entire life. He will be missed.

*Dick and Elaine Friedmar*

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**Dick and Elaine Friedmar** - December 01, 2018 at 02:25 PM

JW

“ Val, Joy and family, John certainly lived a full, giving and wonderful life, surrounded by a loving family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jane and Bill Willis

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**Jane Willis** - November 30, 2018 at 03:44 PM

CS

“ Val, Joy & Family,  
Please accept my sincere condolences to the passing of one of the most kindest, friendliest and positive gentlemen I have ever had the opportunity to meet. He always had a kind word and smile whenever we saw each other.

*We are all better off to have had him in our lives.*

*Cam Smith, Jr.*

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**cam smith** - November 30, 2018 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ John " Doc " Wiley was a remarkable guy. He was special in so many ways and someone I considered to be a very good friend. John was the consummate gentleman and an intense competitor in multiple sporting venues. My experiences with big John were on the golf course. Having played many rounds of golf with Doc at the Inverness Club I'll never forget an Old Pal match when John and I were partners. At the end of the front nine John and I were 4 down. As we stopped at the turn for a beverage our opponents had determined the match was over and began to discuss evening activities planned for later that day. Their smug attitude did not go over well with my partner. The Doc went out on the back nine and shot a 37 to lead us to victory. I sat back and watched him grind, wow what a performance. John was passionate about life, totally devoted to Val, his family and a wide network of friends. He made a difference in the way he lived his life and touched all of us who knew him. We will miss him very much. God Bless John!

*Jim & Linda Murphey*

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**James M Murphey** - November 30, 2018 at 10:36 AM

TT

“ So sad to read of John's passing. He was a great man and wonderful humanitarian and I thank him for his great service to our country during the Vietnam War, and then the great helper he was as a valued member of the D.O.V.E. Fund. God's peace and blessings to Val, the family and all who knew and loved him.

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**Tom & Renee Treece** - November 30, 2018 at 10:33 AM

DK

“ Doc was one of the kindest men and fiercest competitors I've ever met. What a gracious man. An example for us all. He will be missed.

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**Dan Klein** - November 29, 2018 at 11:50 AM

CZ

“ To the family of Dr. Wiley,  
I was one of his many patients for years. He was a truly wonderful person and I missed him when he retired. We joked once that he must have started practicing when he was 12 years old as I had been his patient for so long. He was a true humanitarian along with just being a genuinely awesome person. I would also like to send condolences to his work family (Lori) who are surely mourning his loss.

Connie Zolg

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Connie Zolg - November 29, 2018 at 08:31 AM

RW

Please accept our deepest sympathies. I have known the Wiley family for years, have gone fishing with the brothers. John will be missed. Our heart goes out to the whole Wiley family. From our family to yours.  
Richard Woerner and Family

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richard woerner - December 01, 2018 at 08:55 AM

MW

“ Dear Val, I do not know of anyone I have ever known that I liked better than John. I learned of John's passing from Dave McMurray following Beth and my one night return visit to Toledo to see my two brothers, Jan and Rob, who both are not doing well. Beth and I were in Toledo on the 24th. When Dave shared the knowledge of John's passing, I immediately fixated on my want to come back for John's memorial. It pains me to say that Beth and I cannot return on the 1st. Certainly, we will both be there in spirit. With very few exceptions, each time Beth and I returned to Toledo, I made an effort to see if we could see you and John. More often than not, our return coincided with your traveling. The most meaningful exception was that year that I played golf with John at Inverness, after which the four of us had dinner at Inverness. Please accept our condolences. You cannot read the emotion I feel in the print of this email; but it is there nonetheless. I hope that Beth and I might see you upon our next return to Toledo. I fear, however, that the next return for us will be at my brother Jan's passing. He'll soon be 88 and he certainly is not doing well. What a great picture of John is on this website! I don't think you could find a better capture of the essence of John and his joy of life.

*Mike and Beth Wahl*

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**Mike and Beth Wahl** - November 29, 2018 at 07:35 AM

JL

“ Val and family. Shirley and I just returned to Toledo and learned of John's passing. What a wonderful man he was and admired by all who knew him. He was a great friend and we will miss his smile, his sense of humor and his positive approach to life. May the sweet memories of your shared life together help to ease the pain of his loss. If we can help you in any way, please ask. Our deep condolences and love. Shirley and Joel

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**Joel and Shirley Levine** - November 28, 2018 at 07:44 PM