



## Hugh "Pips" Wilke

July 9, 1943 - October 22, 2021

Hugh "Pips" Wilke, 78, of Rapid City, passed away on October 22, 2021, at his home. He was born on July 9, 1943, in Goodrich, the son of the late Harold and Beatrice (Willson) Wilke.

Pips was a veteran serving honorably in the US Navy.

Pips was a lifelong resident of the Rapid City area. As a young man, he worked with his dad at the Torch Lake Marina for many years. When returning from the Navy he began his career as a truck driver.

He married Nikki Crambell on April 12, 1980, in Kalkaska. Pips enjoyed golf, boating, fishing, and hunting. Always ready with a joke to share, Pips had a great sense of humor. In his later years he and Nikki would winter in Texas. Pips is survived by his beloved wife, Nikki; son, Kenneth R. Wilke, of Rapid City; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandson.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 28th at 3:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023; or the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home

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Kalkaska, MI 49646

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hugh "Pips" Wilke



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**Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home** - October 27, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Hugh "Pips" Wilke

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January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ Hugh "Pips" Wilke

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January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ Oh my, so sad we did not see in time to come to his memorial! Pips is definitely woven into the tapestry of our life, with great memories!!!! Our condolences to all who knew him!!!!

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**gary and lynn herbers** - October 29, 2021 at 10:42 PM

BS

“ *Becky & Chris Staunton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hugh "Pips" Wilke.*



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**Becky & Chris Staunton** - October 28, 2021 at 07:49 AM

DF

“ *I worked and played with Pip's for a long time. He was a great guy to work with trucking up and down the road. I will forever remember the good times we had camping up to Pip's & Niki's. It's was so much fun with 40 plus of us and canoeing down the river all day. God speed my friend. Denny Freier*

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**Denny Freier** - October 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM

TJ

“ *The Schneider Family, Lee, Kelly, Joe purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Hugh "Pips" Wilke.*



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**The Schneider Family, Lee, Kelly, Joe** - October 27, 2021 at 05:44 PM

NV

“ *Pips was a special classmate and friend all through school and life. He and Larry Corpe, another classmate, opened holes that were easy to run through in our opponent's defensive line. We were in Navy boot camp together. Later he delivered a lot of cherries to the freezer for me. I'm sorry he's gone. So sorry for you Nikki. Norm Veliquette*

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**Norm Veliquette** - October 27, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hugh "Pips" Wilke.*

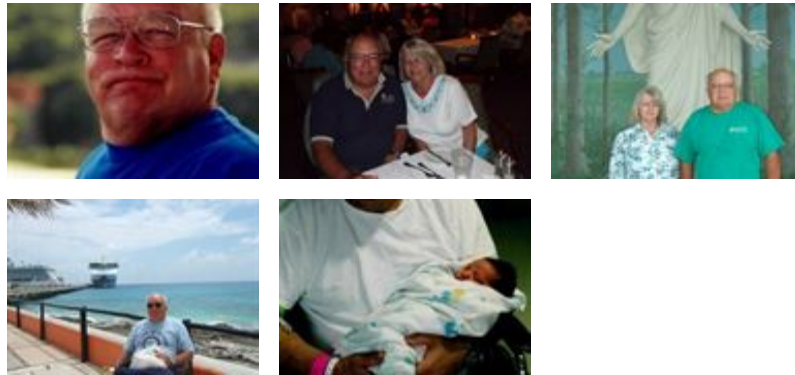


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October 27, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *49 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home** - October 27, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Deepest condolences and prayers to Nikki and her family. He was such a great guy. Great memories of our snowmobile and boating trips. Rest in peace Pips! Ron and Linda*



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**Linda and Ron** - October 26, 2021 at 09:07 PM

RN

“ There are so many memories in mind, it's difficult to pick out just a few. Pips was a very good friend to my husband Jim, and I was privileged to be included. They grew up together at Torch lake, and remained friends up to the end. Pips will always stay in my heart unforgettable! My love and condolences to Nikki and family.

Rose Niederstadt - October 26, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Hugh "Pips" Wilke.



October 26, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ I remember "Pip" from his working with his dad at Torch River Marina back in the late 50's and early 60's. I believe he had a friend by the name of Mike when we used to hang out when my family came up for vacation. Looks like "Pip" and I followed almost the same path, he went he served in the Navy and so did I, he drove truck and so did I.

*I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*John H. Corey*

John Corey - October 26, 2021 at 12:04 PM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. Pips will be missed by all. Georgette Green

Georgette Green - October 26, 2021 at 04:38 AM

KR

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers to Pip's family, he was one of a kind. Robert and Karen Sinclair*



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**karen richards-sinclair** - October 25, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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“ *So very sorry for your loss! I can still picture Pips buzzing around Torch River Bridge area on that little mini bike! He was an icon for our area!*

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**Nanci Appell** - October 25, 2021 at 11:14 AM

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“ *The Peal Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Hugh "Pips" Wilke.*



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**The Peal Family** - October 25, 2021 at 10:37 AM