



John Phillip Wade

May 27, 1949 - May 4, 2025

John Phillip Wade, 75, of Napoleon, Ohio died Sunday, May 4th, 2025 at Toledo Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Phil was born May 27, 1949 in San Diego, California to the late John B. and Anne C. (Paton) Wade. He was a 1967 graduate of Joplin High School in Joplin, Missouri. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. and was honorably discharged in 1970.

He had owned and operated the Party Shop in Napoleon for several years. Then worked as a supervisor at ITT Higbie Manufacturing Company in Archbold, and then retired from Alex Products in Ridgeville. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township and Bert G. Taylor American Legion Post 300 of Napoleon.

Growing up, Phil's family lived in many states such as Illinois, California, Oklahoma, Missouri, Michigan, and Ohio. Phil was a High School football standout while at Joplin, and later enjoyed playing in the Old Timer football league in Northwest Ohio. He made lasting friendships while in Joplin and always looked forward to returning for visits. His years in the Marines were during the Vietnam Era, where he was stationed in the Mediterranean. Phil loved his country and his fellow Marines. After serving in the military he moved to Napoleon where he met his wife of 52 years and built his family.

Phil also enjoyed time with his friends, playing golf, working with his hands, household projects, and going for cruises in his Corvettes. He also had a love for boating and fishing which was instilled in him from his Dad and Grandfather.

He married Mary Ann Rickenberg on August 25, 1973 in Napoleon, Ohio. They had three children, Michelle (Josh) Curtin, Brian (Jennifer) Wade, and Kristen (Brian Fraker) Wade Rausch; grandchildren, Kendall, Killian, and Kelsey Curtin, Grace (Hayden) Howerton, Audrey Wade, Emma Rowland, and Jessa and Wade Rausch, and siblings, James Wade and Janie (Ken) Spille of Cincinnati. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Cindy Wade.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 9th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the BGT Post 300 or American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Napoleon Township
16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Napoleon Township
16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Love, The Howertons (Al and Julie) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Phillip Wade.



Love, The Howertons (Al and Julie) - May 07, 2025 at 09:57 PM

AY

“ Andrew, Katie, Avery, and Emersyn Young purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Phillip Wade.



Andrew, Katie, Avery, and Emersyn Young - May 07, 2025 at 08:10 PM

LS

“ Love, The Hostettlers & Sweinhagens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Phillip Wade.



Love, The Hostettlers & Sweinhagens - May 07, 2025 at 06:10 PM

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“ Love, The Hostettlers & Sweinhagens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Phillip Wade.

Love, The Hostettlers & Sweinhagens - May 07, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



May 07, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *DENNIS & KAREN SCHUETTE purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



DENNIS & KAREN SCHUETTE - May 07, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Love, Kari purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



Love, Kari - May 07, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



May 07, 2025 at 12:51 PM

TF

“ *The Escobedo Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



The Escobedo Family - May 07, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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“ *The Escobedo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Phillip Wade.*

The Escobedo Family - May 07, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Phillip Wade.*



May 06, 2025 at 05:18 PM

NC

“ Nathan & Kaitlin cordes purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Phillip Wade.



Nathan & Kaitlin cordes - May 06, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Phillip Wade.



May 06, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Phillip Wade.

May 06, 2025 at 03:32 PM

PD

“ I worked for Phil at the Party Shop. He was a great boss. While working there Phil taught me about good wines, different spirits and how to slice meat very thinly(I was afraid of the slicer at first). I always considered Phil to be my favorite boss. He will be missed by so many. Condolences and prayers for the family.



Patti Davis - May 06, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Phillip Wade.



May 06, 2025 at 02:53 PM