



Warren Stephen Wheeler

October 18, 1945 - March 14, 2023

Warren Wheeler died March 14, 2023, in Asheville, North Carolina. He was born October 18, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Moulton A. “Bud” and Ellen Wheeler, and he grew up in Lakewood, Ohio. Following graduation from Otterbein College in 1967 with a degree in economics, he taught middle school math and coached wrestling for five years, returning to Emerson Junior High School in Lakewood to teach in 1969. Warren met Bonnie (née Hunter), his wife of 53 years, during new teacher orientation at Emerson, and they married December 20, 1969, after a whirlwind courtship. Warren and Bonnie moved to Medina, Ohio, in 1972 when Warren joined Bonnie’s father Howard Hunter at Hunter Insurance. Warren enjoyed his work at Hunter until his retirement in 2012, forty years later. He and Bonnie considered Medina a great place to raise their four children, and he loved being engaged in the community in various capacities. He was an active member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Medina. Warren was honored to

serve on the

Medina City School Board for nine years after he chaired a successful school levy campaign in 1990.

Following retirement, Warren and Bonnie moved to Asheville to be near two of their four

grown children. There, he treasured family time, enjoyed the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

(OLLI) at UNC Asheville, and was a faithful member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Warren enjoyed tending his flower beds, photography, and woodworking. He was a runner

most of his adult life-- proud of his six marathon runs. He often joked that he finally got old

enough for his times to qualify for the Boston Marathon, which he ran in 2005.

His greatest

passion was spending time with the people who were important to him-- four beloved children,

their wonderful spouses, twelve precious grandkids, his kind siblings, and many dear friends. A

treasured memory of 2022 that gave him much pleasure was a weeklong family gathering in

Durango, CO.

Warren was predeceased by his parents, Bud and Ellen Wheeler. He is survived by his wife,

Bonnie, and children: Steve (Suzi) Wheeler of Irvine, CA, Eric (Sarah Catherine) Wheeler of

Brentwood, TN, Sarah (Matt) Volk of Asheville, and Molly (Trace) Fender of Asheville. His

twelve grandchildren were the delight of his life: Howard, Caleb, and Joy Wheeler; Brooks,

Jack, Lucy Kate, and Ben Wheeler; Liza and Julia Volk; Sally, Ruby, and Miles Fender. He is also survived by his sister, Arlene (Sylvester) DiFiore, of Lakewood, OH, and his brother, Richard (Janet) Wheeler, of Houston, TX. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service on June 6, time TBD, at St. Mark's in Asheville. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Asheville or St. Matthew in Medina. We thank the staff at Aston Park for the excellent care he received there in the final three months of his life.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
10 N. Liberty Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://stmarkslutheran.net/>

The family will receive guests beginning at 1 pm. A reception will follow in the church Fellowship Hall. The service will be available via live stream at https://www.facebook.com/stmarksasheville/live_videos/

Tribute Wall



“ *Warren Stephen Wheeler*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Uncle "Oown" as Meg Vine called him for many years was the best "Hop on Pop" and other Dr Seuss readers ever! Having known Warren and Bonnie before their marriage and in their early teaching years, it was wonderful to share the early "with children" times also. Many a New Year's Eve banging pots and clanging lids briefly at midnight. Blessings to Bonnie and family.*

It was a true blessing to have Warren as a co-worker, friend, and caring person in our lives. Kay Vine

Kathryn Vine - June 09, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *We were bass buds in the choir.*

Mark Fritch - May 25, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Lakewood High School's class of 1963 Facebook page just let me know of Warren's passing. He was the consummate (i.e., super-smart, patient, and fun) partner for me in physics lab at LHS. He surely lived a full and wonderful life. All my best to all of his family. Ann (Scarborough) Dahne, Towson, Maryland*

ANN S DAHNE - May 02, 2023 at 08:37 PM

BO

Thank you for your kind words. Yes, he was always a super-smart, patient, and fun partner!

Bonnie - May 13, 2023 at 02:09 PM

JV

*Warren was a great friend. We shared in their joy of their Medina homes, joint births of first biological children * welcoming Pam & I to Asland & much more*

Jim Vine

James vine - June 04, 2023 at 01:21 PM

BW

“ 34 files added to the album Grandpa



Bonnie Wheeler - April 09, 2023 at 12:54 PM

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“ 124 files added to the album Grandpa



Bonnie Wheeler - April 08, 2023 at 10:40 AM

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“ 52 files added to the album Grandpa



Bonnie Wheeler - April 07, 2023 at 05:46 PM

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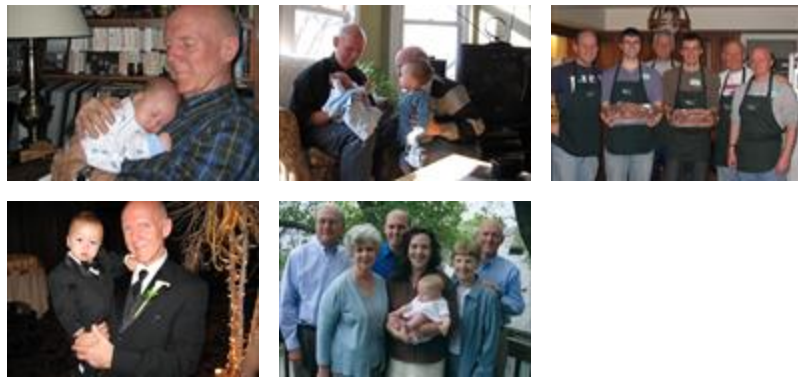
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Bonnie Wheeler - April 06, 2023 at 10:52 AM

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“ 25 files added to the album Grandpa



Bonnie Wheeler - April 05, 2023 at 03:55 PM

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“ 36 files added to the album Warren



Bonnie Wheeler - April 02, 2023 at 12:56 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Warren's Early Years



Bonnie Wheeler - April 02, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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“ 41 files added to the album Warren



Bonnie Wheeler - April 01, 2023 at 07:10 AM



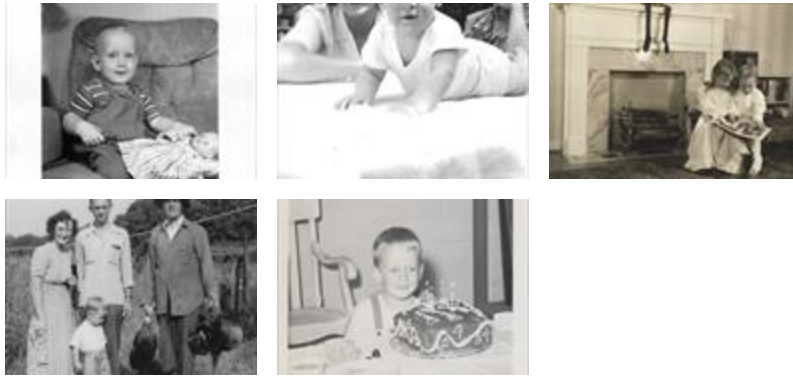
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Warren Stephen Wheeler.



March 26, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Warren's Early Years



Rich Wheeler - March 26, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Warren



Rich Wheeler - March 26, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Bonnie Wheeler - March 22, 2023 at 08:24 PM

DN

“ Although I didn't know your brother, if he was anything like you he must have been a good man. After losing a sibling life looks different. Take time to grieve and take care of yourself during the process. God Bless you, Debbie Sulak Norris

Deborah Norris - March 20, 2023 at 11:40 PM

RG

“ What a wonderful, terrific man Warren was! Memories of running stories, Medina City School events and through the insurance business he was top notch. Prayers and hugs to the family.

Roberta Gangl - March 20, 2023 at 03:41 PM

DS

“ After nearly three decades of not seeing Warren I still remember him as one of my closest friends. Our families shared much fellowship over a 12-13 year timeframe; and Warren was both a brother-in-Christ as well as fellow Medina businessman and Medina School Board member...not to mention numerous civic and charitable groups. Warren loved his family and that was generally the conversation when we got together for many of our lunches. I know the family misses him greatly but knows they will be with him again in heaven some day. Bye til then, my friend.

David Surgeon - March 20, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ I always considered Warren to be one of my best friends! He guided me thru many trying times in my life! A man that I loved and respected very much! God is happy to have him by his side! Dale Roberts

Dale Roberts - March 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MJ

“ I remember Warren helping you teaching a Plant Based Diet at OLLI. Later we met for dinner after reconnecting at Mountain Care which my husband Bill and Warren attended. We all went out to dinner one eve when he told us that he "worked" at Mountain Care, helping others line up for lunch etc. He was very sweet. I'm sorry that he is gone now. Blessings to you and your family Bonnie. From Marlene Johnson

Marlene Johnson - March 19, 2023 at 12:37 PM

AE

“ Dearest Bonnie and family, I am so sorry for your loss! Warren was one of the kindest, caring, faithful, most reasonable people I have ever known. He wasn't just my boss but a true friend. We used to say that we got along so well because of our Slovak heritage. Keeping you all in my prayers. In Christ's Love, Ann Estremera

Ann Estremera - March 19, 2023 at 05:55 AM