



Robert W. Wimmer

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Robert W. Wimmer, age 88 of Lewes, DE, departed this world on December 31, 2021, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born in 1933 in Rahway, NJ, son of the late Henry and Elizabeth Wimmer.

Bob was a graduate of St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick, NJ and obtained both his A.B. and M.A. degrees in history from Seton Hall University. He began his teaching career at St. Mary's HS in Elizabeth, NJ and went on to teach for 39 years at Edison HS in Edison, NJ. During his teaching career Bob was an active leader in the ETEA. He was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the US Army from 1955 to 1957. Bob was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Literacy Volunteers of America, Delaware Read Aloud Program, and Hosts Program at Shields School in Lewes, DE. As a family man, he supported all his children's endeavors. When Bob wasn't coaching, he was always on the sidelines as a supporter of his children's many events over the years. He was a communicant of St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church in Edison, NJ. After relocating to Lewes, DE for retirement, he became a communicant of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Bob was a gentle soul who departed this world in the gentlest of ways. Not only was he a gentle man, but he was the family chef, curator of his gardens, voracious reader, crossword puzzle master. Bob once stated, "that music of all kinds can be as healthy to your brain as any other popular brain food medicines, which are continuously being advertised today". Listening to classical music is how he began and ended each day. Bob was known by his family, friends, students, and community as a kind soul. Not much ruffled his feathers, and he always put his family first. As a history teacher of 39 years, Bob created his own acronym, TANSTAAFL, that he always imparted on his students: There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his siblings: Henry B. Wimmer, Carolyn Hook, and Mary Wimmer. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 50 years, Susan Wimmer; his children: Robert F. Wimmer and Diahann Wimmer; and his grandchildren: Abby and Becca Wimmer and Ty, Eli, and Emily Sayball-Wimmer.



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In his memoir, which he concluded last week, Bob ended by expressing the love he had for his wife. He wrote that Sue had become his best friend, professional colleague, and his “personal clinician.” Bob, a self-less man who treasured his family, was proud of his two children and five grandchildren.

Services will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 98105, or the Food Bank of Delaware, Milford Branch, 1040 Mattlind Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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MM

Mark Mills posted:

By chance I thought of Mr. Wimmer today and was saddened to see he had passed. Mr. Wimmer was my teacher for AP US Government. He was a great teacher and a wonderful person. My deepest condolences to the Wimmer family. Mark Mills EHS 1992

February 17 at 12:02 PM

TB

Tracy Brice lit a candle in honor of Robert.

He was my history teacher at EHS. Out of all the teachers there he sticks in my memory especially with his TANSTAAFL acronym. He was a great educator and will be deeply missed. My condolences to his family.



January 8 at 5:41 AM



John Lyssikatos posted:

I am deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Wimmer's passing. All the comments I have read are spot on. He was a fantastic history teacher an asset to the EHS faculty team. Beyond teaching he was giving of his time and a gentle guiding hand. He assisted me personally during my senior year with the regard of possible career paths to pursue in college. He provided sage advice that has paid dividends through my life. Thank you Mr Wimmer; teacher, kind human and soul, mentor, a true American patriot. I will miss you. John Lyssikatos

January 7 at 11:17 PM

AR

Art Rostel posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I taught in the room next to him for several years at EHS. Bob was always so upbeat and his students loved him so much. When I student taught at EHS with Fred Kuzma as my cooperating teacher I often observed Bob, Jim O'Leary and Bob Sofka. Now all three of them are gone. I will always treasure how much I learned from all three of these men. Bob and I often spoke and he was always such a good friend. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Art Rostel

January 7 at 5:29 PM



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HJ

Harvey & Patricia Jackson posted:

We met Bob about 18 years ago and always considered him a friend. He was a kind and thoughtful person. One day while visiting Bob we admired the plush and beautiful hosta plants in his garden. A few days later to our surprise we found that Bob had left several hosta plants and fertilizer in a wheelbarrow at the side of our home. We will always cherish those plants as a memorial to Bob and remember his kindness and generosity. Our sincerest condolences to Sue and family. Harvey & Pat

January 7 at 3:09 PM

LP

Lana Powell posted:

Sue and family, sending heartfelt condolences. So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Sincerely, Lana Powell

January 6 at 3:24 PM

JH

Jennifer Hedges posted:

Mr. Wimmer was my History teacher in high school. He went out of his way to engage his students and he was a true gentleman. He will be missed by so many. Sending my deepest condolences to his family. May he Rest In in peace.

January 5 at 7:10 PM

AC

Audrey Sbrilli O'connor January 7 at 4:41 PM

The photo of Mr. Wimmer smiling is exactly how I remember him. I graduated Edison HS in 1970. He always dressed so neatly and had such a calm manner. Thinking of him made me appreciate the seeds of knowledge he planted in the minds of so many young people. We were truly Blessed to have met him on our Journeys. Thankyou Mr. Wimmer!

GF

Gary Friesz posted:

Mr Wimmer was my favorite teacher throughout my time at Edison High School. He was so engaging and so approachable. He made learning fun and treated everyone with respect and made you feel like your opinion mattered. He loved engaging students and listened intently in what you had to say and loved to be challenged. I vividly recall many conversations and being challenged to think for myself. He helped me become a better student and a better person. May he Rest In Peace and his memory stay with me forever.

January 5 at 6:32 PM



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MA

Marie Armstrong posted:

to one of the greatest teacher ever. Loved you and all the things you taught me. RIP, I hope to meet up with you again some day. Healing and prayers for your family

January 5 at 1:41 PM

LT

Liberty Dellas Toto posted:

Mr. Wimmer was not only my favorite teacher, but also an excellent one. I graduated in 1965. He was liked by all. Yes, he was a gentle soul. We were going to have our Class of 1965 reunion in 2020, but Covid changed our plans. We still haven't been able to figure out when to have it. We were looking forward to seeing several teacher, but especially Mr. Wimmer. Liberty Dellas "May he Rest In Peace and his Memory Be Eternal." 🏠🏠🏠

January 5 at 1:15 PM

KC

Kim Corbidge posted:

Bob was a great neighbor and he will be missed. We will miss the talks over the fence but from those we had it was evident that Bob was a dedicated family man and we have a great view of his gardens. We will think of him whenever we look over the fence at them. Sue and family we are so sorry for your loss. Kim and Bill Corbidge

January 5 at 12:42 PM

MP

Melinda Patrician posted:

Mr. Wimmer was not my teacher during my four years at ETHS but I remember him as a sweet, gentle man. He was a positive influence even on those of us who were not in his class. May he rest as he lived, in peace. Melinda (Delahunty) Patrician, ETHS Class of '68.

January 5 at 12:08 PM

JO

Joe posted:

Sue, please accept our sincere condolences. Our neighborhood will never be the same. I will miss talking to Bob on the porch about a wide range of subjects from books and authors, to politics and Germany. What a kind and gentle man. I am a better person for having known him. Joe and Margret

January 5 at 12:00 PM



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LT

Laureen Tollin posted:

Your dad was a wonderful person. He was always smiling. Brought such light into the class room. Keep the memories of him close to your heart

January 5 at 11:59 AM

KB

Karen Brown posted:

As already stated, a gentle soul, with humor as well as a caring heart toward everyone he ever met. He will be missed by many .

January 5 at 11:26 AM

A6

Arleen Varady Cunningham, Ehs 65' January 5 at 7:25 PM

I'm sorry to say that I didn't have the privilege of having Mr. Wimmer as my teacher in Edison High, but I do remember seeing him standing by his doorway and acknowledging each of his students as they entered his classroom. Always a smile on his face and always was spoken of highly by every student who had him as their teacher. My deepest heartfelt condolences to his family and may he rest in peace. 🥺❤️

TG

Todd Gerba posted:

Mr. Wimmer was my history teacher at EHS when I was a junior in high school. Not only was he a great teacher but more importantly, he was a great man who genuinely cared about his students. I remember well his enthusiasm for teaching politics, history and especially economics! I laughed out loud when I saw the no such thing as a free lunch acronym because I remember it so vividly. As I progressed in age, I came to appreciate how right he was!!! My sincere condolences go out to his wonderful family during this difficult time. Mr. Wimmer was one of those rare, special teachers who make an indelible impression in your life. Rest In Peace Mr. Wimmer and take comfort in knowing that your lessons really mattered to your students. God bless you, Todd M. Gerba EHS Class of 1985

January 5 at 10:55 AM

JD

Joanne Desanto posted:

Dear Susan and family, very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. Our prayers are with you all. He was my daughter's teacher during her Senior Year. The first day in his class, he asked her if she lived at 67 Lahiere Avenue and she said yes. He was always very kind to her. May your memories help you through this sad time. Fondly, Joanne and Frank DeSanto

January 5 at 8:50 AM



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Brad And Guada Morris posted:

Our prayers to Sue, children, grandchildren and family. We were very optimistic to see Bob walking around the culdesac and sitting on the front porch. May God brings you peace that passes all understanding at this difficult time. What an accomplished man! What a love story! His legacy lives forever. Your neighbors, Brad and Guada

January 4 at 7:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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