



# Louis Richard Wingate

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**L**ouis Richard Wingate, 63, of Lewes, DE, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023. Born on August 29th, 1959, in Seaford, DE, he was affectionately known as Lou, Louie, Dickie, Dad, and Gomer; but his favorite title of all was Grampy. He was the son of the late John C. and Cynthia C. (McNatt) Wingate, and the brother of Jack Passwaters, William “Billy” Passwaters, Catherine “Annie” Newcomb, and John "Bobby" Wingate.

Louis graduated from Woodbridge High School and attended Sussex Vo-Tech. Louis married Melanie Stephens Wingate in 1998, and they were just 4 months away from celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. He was the proud father of Josh Wingate (wife, Jenn Wingate; daughter, Emma), Andy Sheppard (wife, Sarah Sheppard), and Bailey Wingate. His granddaughter, Emma Wingate, was his pride and joy. Louis was employed by Dentsply Sirona for 33 years and also served in the United States Navy as an Aviation Machinist Mate for 10 years, specializing on the F-14 TomCat.

Louis was an active man who enjoyed volunteering as a Little League umpire, fishing, music, spending time with family, and playing with his granddaughter. He will be warmly remembered as a boatsman who did a lot of fishing but not a lot of catching, someone who loved making others laugh, and a dedicated practical jokester.

Louis was predeceased by his parents, siblings Annie, Billy, and Jack, and his dogs Reggie, Riley, and Bentley. He is survived by his wife, children, granddaughter, brother Bobby (wife, Roxie Wingate), several nieces and nephews, his cat Smudge, and his dog Nicky. Louis was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and many coworkers.

A memorial service will be held in his honor on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes , Atkins-Lodge Chapel in Lewes, DE. Friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment with military honors will take place at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966, at 1:00 PM.



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In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Brandywine Valley SPCA, <https://bvspca.org/donate/>, 22918 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE 19947, Phone: (302) 858-4203.

All who are unable to attend the funeral in person are invited to join via live stream by visiting: <http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/10855928/LTWebcast>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY , FEBRUARY 16, 2023 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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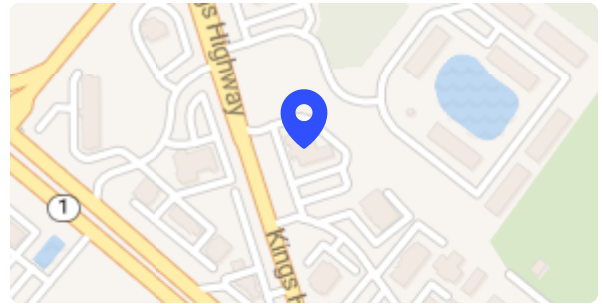
## Visitation

 **Friday**, February 17, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



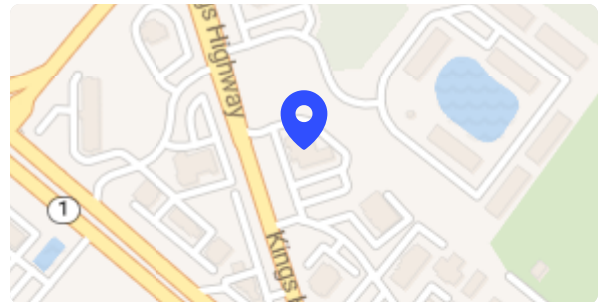
## Memorial Service

 **Friday**, February 17, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

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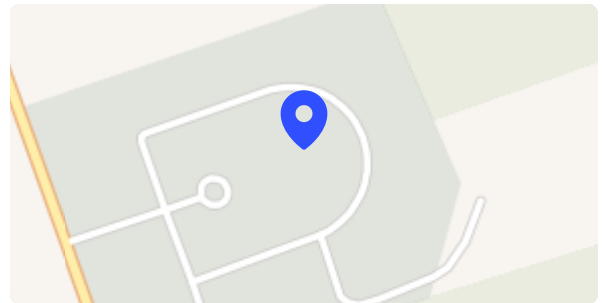
## Chapel Committal with Military Honors

 **Friday**, February 17, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





# Tribute Wall

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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 30 at 8:00 AM



**John Stumbo And Gwen Marchand (Stumbo)** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Wingate family.



February 16 at 10:49 AM



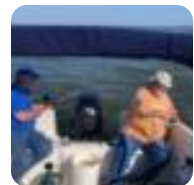
**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wingate family.



February 15 at 3:29 PM



**Rich Lanning** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Louis was a great guy and great friend. First person I met when I started at Dentsply. Helped me all the time. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Him and I ribbed each other all the time. Some people at Dentsply thought we hated each other. We were just having fun. We always ribbed each other about the Air Force vs the Navy. Great times. Louis was the type of person that if he put his mind to something, he would get it done. I was after him for a while to quit smoking but he didn't. He had a heart attack and I went to visit with him in the emergency room. I said "are you going to quit now". He said "here throw this pack in the trash for me". He never smoked again. Louis was a great friend and we had some great times at work, fishing, and joking around. I will truly miss you my friend. I was lucky to have you as a part of my life. Rest In Peace my friend. Rich Lanning

February 15 at 10:55 AM



**Linda Gaskill** posted:

Melanie and family, I was shocked and saddened to hear this news. My condolences to all. I will keep you in my thoughts and my heart. Linda Gaskill

February 11 at 12:59 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wingate family.

February 7 at 6:58 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Wingate family.

February 7 at 6:46 AM



**Dawn Hutchison** lit a candle in honor of Louis.

Josh, Jen and sweet Emma, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father and pop pop! hope your family finds peace and comfort and keeps his name alive for Emma remembering him. Mrs Dawn Beach Babies

February 7 at 4:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wingate family.

February 6 at 1:05 PM



**Susan, Tammy And Loretta** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Wingate family.

February 2 at 8:24 AM



**Jeanette** sent a virtual gift in honor of Louis.

February 2 at 12:20 AM





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**Jeanette** lit a candle in honor of Louis.



February 2 at 12:19 AM



**Jeanette** posted:

Lou was one of a kind. He had a gentle heart and loved clowning around making everyone laugh. He had a heart of gold and loved to discipline lol. Lou, was family instantly to our us. He made a difference in our lives. He was like a big brother, a protector, and a drill Sargeant all in one. He was a proud soldier who gave his all when in the Navy. Having Josh changed his life and made it complete. Josh was his world. He loved being a father. He was involved in every way he could be a part of Joshies life. Lou was brave and willing to attempt any task, even shucking oysters to try and impress an oyster eating family. Didn't turn out well because he ended up with an injured hand, but he touched it out. I will remember Lou and his beautiful smile, hearty laughter, and bright blue eyes that brought much joy to us. We love you Lou forever in our hearts until we meet again and we surely will.



February 2 at 12:09 AM



**Keith & Melanie Ullman** posted:

Sending our love & prayers of comfort to his family at this difficult time! Our lives were blessed by having known Lou. He always had a story to tell, a smile on his face and a friend to everyone that he met. He will remain in our memories & most importantly our hearts. ❤️-Keith & Melanie Ullman

February 1 at 5:39 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Wingate family.



February 1 at 2:58 PM



**Ann Gries** lit a candle in honor of Louis.



January 31 at 4:12 PM



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**Dawn Leonard** posted:

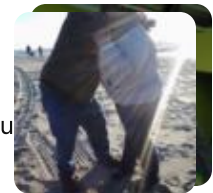
To me, he will always be Dickie!! My childhood friend....we all played and rode our bikes on those streets of Bridgeville, he always looked out for us girls. We lost touch after we all graduated but reconnected about 10 years ago on Facebook, we would talk about life, he always made me laugh.....I will miss you my dear friend!!! May god wrap his ever loving arms around your family during this time!! Rest in peace my dear friend❤️ Love Dawn

January 31 at 10:38 AM



**Steph O'Mahony** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Vacation 2013!We had a blast as family/friends coming together!Lou even took the pic of me with my fish! (Not pictured haha)Lou is and will be so very missed!Love you all so much! So sorry for your loss ❤️



January 30 at 2:56 PM



**Jennifer Griffin** lit a candle in honor of Louis.



January 30 at 8:41 AM



**Patricia Piascik** lit a candle in honor of Louis.



January 29 at 3:59 PM



**Jjoyce Stout-Cosgrove** February 7 at 4:18 PM

Oh Melanie! I was told of your husband's accident when my salon appointment with you had to be cancelled and rescheduled with Joelle. You have been on my mind ever since and I've been sending prayers above for his healing. Today Joelle gave me the sad news of your husband's passing. My mind and heart are heavy with sympathy for you and your family.Love and hugs,Joyce Cosgrove



**Sally Cunningham-Hrycyk** February 7 at 1:15 PM

Dear Melanie, I learned today of the passing of your husband. My heart and prayers go out to you, and your family. Sally Cunningham-Hrycyk



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**LB**

**Linda L Baker** February 17 at 8:16 AM  
RIP My friend Glad I was able to attend the service livestream

**DC**

**Deanne Coolidge** February 17 at 12:33 PM  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm glad I was able to attend the service through the livestream and learn about Lou's life. Continuing prayers, Deanne Coolidge

**RM**

**Rick Moore** February 6 at 9:10 AM  
Louis was a good friend we umpire together, went to meetings together. He was a great person and I am going to miss him rest in peace my friend till we meet again God bless



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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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